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An amazing scene at Shluohow on the North River, following a flood. Timber rafts, ready for transport, were carried away and smashed against pillars of a future railway bridge, piling up in such a remarkable way that the entire river has been blocked and is no longer navigable. Picture shows only a section of the timber "dam."

NORTH RIVER FLOOD HAVOC DRAMA.

LADY MISSIONARIES' NARROW ESCAPE.

HAVING NARROWLY escaped destruction when their houseboat was swept from its moorings by huge timber piles, which threatened at every moment to overwhelm their somewhat frail craft, Miss Todhunter and Miss Western, of the South China Boat Mission, who have just arrived in Hongkong, related to a *Telegraph* representative this morning, the first details to reach the Colony of a disastrous flood on the North River.

Many lives were lost when other small craft on the river were smashed by an avalanche of timber rafts which rushed down upon them, almost with out warning, while the loss to the timber merchants is estimated to exceed \$1,000,000. The damage was chiefly due to the sudden rise in the river, many feet in a few hours, when floods are unusual at this time of the year.

RIVER BLOCKED BY TIMBER PILE.

Miss Todhunter and Miss Western probably owe their lives to the fact that their houseboat was moored below instead of above the pillar barrier shown in the picture above.

The pillars have been constructed in connection with the development of the Canton-Hankow railway and are to carry a bridge across the river. Huge timber rafts swept down by the flood, smashed against the pillars, and were so split up that the logs which got through were not in sufficient bulk to wreck the houseboat.

Carried for a Mile.

It was however struck by several logs and finally broke away from its moorings, being carried for over a mile down the swollen stream before those aboard were able to get the craft under control and anchor her in a place of safety.

Craft on the up-river side of the bridge were less fortunate. Some of them were smashed to splinters and many lives are thought to have been lost.

One boat can be observed in the thick of the timber in the picture above. Others were completely buried in the indescribable confusion of logs on the left of the photograph.

Unusual Event.

Miss Todhunter told our representative that floods in the North River are very uncommon at this time, and the timber dealers in the Shluohow district,

where the most serious incidents occurred, were not prepared for the sudden rise of the water.

Their supplies, ready for transport in rafts down river, were carried away, and their loss is tremendous.

Pile Round Bridge.

The huge pile concentrated round the future railway bridge will be saved, but after this is taken into account, the losses will not be less than \$1,000,000 Chinese currency.

The entire river has been blocked by the piling up of the logs at this point, and navigation will not be possible for more than a month.

LUTON WIN F.A. CUP REPLAY.

CROOK-TOWN IN THE THIRD ROUND.

London, Dec. 16.

The F.A. Cup replays to-day resulted in a handsome victory by Luton Town over Lincoln City, the Hatters winning 4-1, while Crook Town defeated Aldershot, winners of the Southern League last season, by the only goal scored.

In league matches, Exeter City defeated Watford by two clear goals, and Gateshead, in the Northern Section, defeated Rotherham by 4-1. *Reuter.*

SOLDIER TAKES PLANE ON A JOYRIDE.

NO EXPERIENCE OF FLYING.

LIFE AMBITION.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 16.
A young soldier's escapade at the Brooklands Flying School last week, when, with no experience whatever of flying, he jumped into an aeroplane and took her aloft, later bringing her to earth without meeting with disaster, had a sequel when Trooper Hale appeared in the police court to-day.

The excuse he gave to the magistrate was that he has been his ambition all his life to become an airman.

He is only nineteen years of age, and is an officer's servant in the Eleventh Hussars.

He was charged with flying an aeroplane belonging to the Brooklands Flying School without a licence.

The incident occurred while the officers at the school were having lunch. Hale said he saw the machine standing unattended and had a feeling that he wanted to go for a joyride.

The Magistrate decided to bind him over to be of good behaviour in future.

MR. CHURCHILL'S PROGRESS.

SUFFERING MUCH LESS PAIN.

London, Dec. 16.
New York reports that Winston Churchill records his progress to be most favourable.

The symptoms of pleurisy have improved, the wounds are healing well and Mr. Churchill is suffering much less pain. *British Wireless.*

U. S. GOLD STOCKS.

NEARLY \$100,000,000
INCREASE.

Washington, Dec. 16.
The stocks of gold in the United States are actually increasing according to the figures issued to-day, covering the transaction for the eleven months ended November 30.

These show that gold to the value of \$22,000,000 was imported, while the exports of gold did not exceed a value of \$434,000,000. *Reuter's American Service.*

RESEARCH TRIUMPH.

WORK FOR 65,000
JOBLESS.

COMPETITIVE PRICES.

London, Dec. 16.
The production of high-grade petrol from British coal at a competitive price is no longer a dream.

It is now agreed by experts that it is possible to supply all Britain's needs from British coal as long as the taxation on imported petrol remains effective.

Sir Eric Hambro, at a luncheon given to-day in honour of Commander Piero Salerni, who has developed the process for the low-temperature carbonisation of coal, expressed his confidence in the Salerni system.

He had decided himself, he said, to shoulder the responsibility for the provision of the initial funds for the development of the system, which promises, not only to restore prosperity to the British mining industry, but to rid the country of smoke and create a home supply of oil and motor fuels.

Imperial Chemicals' Tests.

A description of the hydrogenation method of producing oil from coal at the Billingham works of Imperial Chemicals, Limited, states that full development would provide work for 65,000 men now unemployed, including 40,000 miners in supplying Britain's requirements alone.

The total yearly value of imported petrol is over £10,000,000, nearly the whole of which sum goes abroad and helps to swell our adverse balance of trade.

The estimates given for the scheme allow for the writing off of the whole of the capital sum in eleven years and for paying a reasonable rate of interest in addition.

Cost of Production.

The success of the proposals depends upon a maintenance of the import duties. At present the cost of petrol at port is 2½d. per gallon, to which has to be added 8d. in tax. The cost of producing a gallon of petrol from coal is estimated at 7d. (3½d. less than the net cost of imported petrol to the distributor). Two-pence represents the cost of the coal and 5d. the cost of conversion.

Leading Financier.

Sir Eric Hambro, who has declared his intention of promoting the Salerni system, is one of Britain's leading financiers. He is a partner in C. J. Hambro and Co., sub-governor of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, and a director of the Great Eastern Railway Company. *British Wireless and Ex.*

MAMMOUTH BUSES FOR LONDON.

63-PASSENGER
SIX-WHEELERS.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 16.
Mammoth omnibuses specially designed for dealing with London's traffic problems are to be introduced in London next year.

Details of the scheme were announced to-day. The L.G.O.C. propose to launch a fleet of two hundred and fifty six-wheeler omnibuses on the streets of London next year.

They will provide seating accommodation for sixty-three passengers and will carry, at the front and the back, illuminated screens showing their destination, while similar screens on the sides will show well-known points on route.

WORLD CRISIS. Trade Blow to America.

Milliard Dollars
Fewer Exports.

BRITISH EMPIRE POLICY.

New York, Dec. 16.

A drop of more than a thousand million dollars in exports and a drop of over nine hundred million dollars in imports, are revealed in the figures of the foreign trade of the United States in the past twelve months.

The balance of trade, however, is still considerably in America's favour as the surplus of exports over imports for the month of November was \$43,000,000 and for the first eleven months of the year, the surplus of exports has been about \$300,000,000. *Reuter's American Service.*

British Tariffs.

London, Dec. 16.

Major J. D. Colville, the Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade, in a speech at Sheffield referring to measures for correcting the adverse trade balance, said that tariff duties must not be regarded as unalterable. Their incidence and continuance must be justified by the test of efficient production for the home and the export markets.

Dealing with the approaching Ottawa Conference, he said the Government would attend with eager minds and ready hands. He hoped the opportunity would be taken to weld the Empire together on economic lines.

If the Empire combined on a common trade policy, world competition in the export trade could be faced with confidence. *British Wireless.*

REPARATIONS ISSUE.

SIR FREDERICK ROSS
GOING TO PARIS.

London, Dec. 16.

Sir Frederick Leith Ross, of the British Treasury, is leaving to-morrow for Paris where he will exchange views with representatives of the French Government, in anticipation of an international conference on reparations, which will be held after the report will have been received from the Special Advisory Committee under the Young Plan, now sitting at Basle. The date and place of the meeting have not yet been fixed. *British Wireless.*

THE CABINET IN CONCLAVE.

SURVEY OF CURRENT PROBLEMS.

London, Dec. 16.

The Prime Minister presided to-day at two meetings of the Cabinet when the survey of current problems, begun last Monday, was completed.

Many difficult points requiring a more prolonged consideration have been referred to committees, which will sit during the recess, reporting not later than January 12th, when the members of the Cabinet will reassemble in London.

The Prime Minister leaves London to-morrow night for Lismore, where he will spend Christmas. *British Wireless.*

Dramatic Tokyo Stroke.

Mr. Shigemitsu Recalled: Revision of
Policy Expected.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

The sudden change of government in Tokyo has produced a rather dramatic stroke in Sino-Japanese diplomatic relations, which is taken to foreshadow a revision of Japanese policy.

Mr. Inukia's Cabinet has recalled Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Minister in China.

BRITISH NAVAL SENSATION.

ALL NEW SHIPS IN
JEOPARDY.

STOPPAGE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

London, Dec. 17.

The Government is considering the suspension of the whole of the British naval building programme, with the exception of submarines, according to this morning's *Daily Herald*.

The journal says that the question is now being considered by a special sub-committee of the Cabinet.

If decided upon, the suspension will be temporary and contingent upon the progress of the Disarmament Conference in February.

It is hoped that the suspension will give the British delegation a strong weapon in pressing for European naval and military reductions. If the Conference results in a satisfactory agreement, the suspension would be made permanent.

Mr. Alexander's Statement.

It is recalled that Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty in the Labour Govern-

ANTI-DUMPING ORDER NO. 3.

POSSIBLE DUTY ON COTTON GOODS.

London, Dec. 17.

The Board of Trade's third anti-dumping order, under the recent Abnormal Importations Bill, will be issued to-night.

It is reported that it will probably include a duty upon foreign cotton goods. *Reuter.*

ment when introducing the Naval Estimates in March, declared that if further progress in agreed reductions were made at the Disarmament Conference, the Government would be able to cancel, postpone or vary the different items.

Big Saving.

The *Daily Herald* says that apart from its effect on the Disarmament Conference, the suspension of the building programme will mean a saving of several million pounds sterling.

It is understood that Mr. Neville Chamberlain is strongly supporting the idea.

The ships concerned were provided in the programme announced in March last and would normally be commenced in February.

The Programme.

The programme comprises two seven-thousand ton and one five-thousand ton armoured cruisers, one flotilla tender, eight destroyers and four sloops, one gunboat and two auxiliary vessels. *Reuter.*



The Prince of Wales, photographed recently, when broadcasting from the B.C. in connection with the "Buy British" campaign.

THE PRINCE OF PEDLARS.

H.R.H. TALKS ON
TRAVEL.

ADVERTISING BRITISH ISLES.

London, Dec. 16.

Early to bed and early to rise,
But you'll soon be bust if you don't advertise.

A roar of laughter and loud applause followed this adaptation of the old rhyme, sprung by the Prince of Wales on the annual meeting of the Travel Association of Great Britain and Ireland to-day.

In pursuance of his role as "the Empire's best publicist," the Prince delivered a stirring address, declaring that, too, little was known abroad about what the British Isles had to offer, the charm of the country, while far too much was heard of the financial and industrial difficulties afflicting Britain equally when the rest of the world.

"This is the moment," he said, "to impress the world that we are alive and mean to go forward again."

If temporarily, the British people were being disheartened from travelling abroad for pleasure as apart from business, foreign countries would realise that this is merely an emergency measure.

As soon as the situation became stabilised, the British people would certainly go abroad again, just as the Travel Association hoped that people in countries overseas would visit Britain.

The Prince extolled the virtues of travel.

Talking in Each Other's Washing.

"Only by a free exchange of goods, services and visits can the world live in comfort, peace and mutual understanding. Travel and trade are international."

"If we always stay at home and try to eke out a livelihood by taking in each other's washing, it will prove a precarious livelihood for the whole world."

It Pays to Advertise.

He was glad that the Association, in advertising the fact that the British Isles were pleasant, interesting and efficient places, were not overlooking the need for showing others that Britain had some very great industries, because the adaptation of the old rhyme (above) was at present very true. *Reuter and British Wireless.*

"TALKIES" AS AID IN EDUCATION.

HIGHLY FAVOURABLE
REPORT.

London, Dec. 16.

The report on an experiment by the Middlesex educational authorities in fifteen schools, on the use of special sound films as an aid to teaching, states that the committee find that the films arouse and maintain interest, help to develop originality, encourage the children to read more widely, enrich personal experience and correlate the work of the classroom with the life of the world outside.

"Talk films," it is stated, bring the greatest benefit to the duller children, achieving a greater awakening of intellectual consciousness than has been achieved by any other means. *British Wireless.*

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CANTON ROTARY CLUB.

HONGKONG'S GOOD WISHES CONVEYED.

OPENING FUNCTION.

The Canton Rotary Club was inaugurated on Tuesday night in the Hotel Asia. The event was witnessed by the President of the Hongkong Rotary Club (Sir William Hornell) and two members, Mr. D. M. Maynard and Mr. M. F. Key. Dr. Henry (Provost of Linkam University), Mr. K. Huang (Canton Municipal Telephone Administration) and Mr. P. T. Carey (China Electric Co.) were the provisional committee which made the preliminary arrangements.

After extending a hearty welcome to the delegates from Hongkong, and thanking Rotarian Fitch of Shanghai for his interest in and work on behalf of the new enterprise, Dr. Henry explained that, after discussion, the provisional committee came to the conclusion that the formation of a Rotary Club would not be inimical to the Canton Thursday Luncheon Club but would promote the same objects and be mutually beneficial.

The superstitious repressed a passing whim on hearing from Dr. Henry that the first meeting to launch the project was held on Friday, the 13th of November. As a result it was agreed that acceptance of invitations to the present meeting would be taken as agreement to join the Club. Dr. Henry concluded by reading encouraging telegrams from Peking, Hangchow and Shanghai.

Mr. George Fitch then took charge of the meeting and spoke on the objects and organization of the Rotary movement. He remarked that Rotary appeals especially to those who live in the great port cities of the East because of the work it is doing in building up a great world fellowship. "We know," said Mr. Fitch, "that friendship between nations cannot be achieved by treaties, or by the kind words of diplomats. International amity can only come through the world-dearing friendship, and it is not brought about by the acceptance of it as an ideal, but by contact." "International-mindedness" and friendship were not the only aims of Rotary, which sought also to carry out community and vocational service.

The Officers.

Mr. Fitch then explained in detail the pitch of organization to which a Club like that in Shanghai—now twelve years old—had been brought about—this part of his speech was rather strong meat for babes, and one-year-olds like the Hongkong Rotary Club. He concluded by reading the Objects of Rotary.

Charter membership cards were then filled in and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Dr. Henry, seconded by Mr. Carey, to apply to Rotary International for a Charter. The Constitution and By-laws of Rotary were then adopted.

Officers were elected by ballot as follows: President, Dr. S. F. Chien; Vice-President, Dr. J. M. (Theodore) Dawson; Mr. H. Y. Wong; Mr. P. T. Carey; Mr. G. W. Green; Mr. Y. L. Lee; and Mr. H. Lafford.

These present, as charter members, were then called upon to rise and receive the charge given to new members.

The new President having had to leave the meeting on account of indisposition, Dr. Henry then took the chair of the newly-constituted Club and congratulated the members on having as President one of the leading citizens of Canton. They were intensely grateful to Shanghai for sending so able and inspiring a representative as Mr. Fitch to the inaugural meeting of the Canton Club. In calling upon Sir William Hornell to address the meeting, Dr. Henry said the example of Hongkong would



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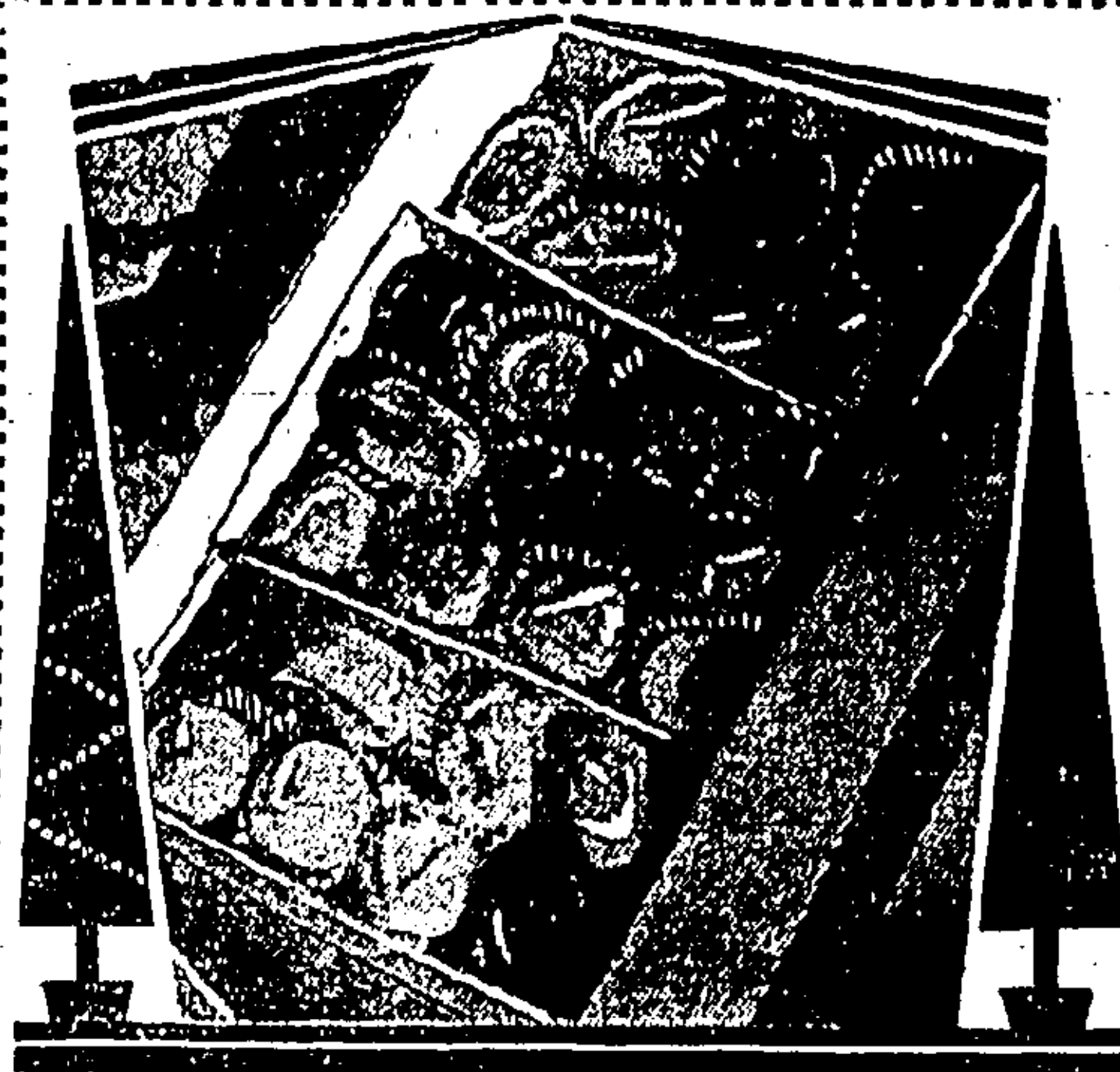


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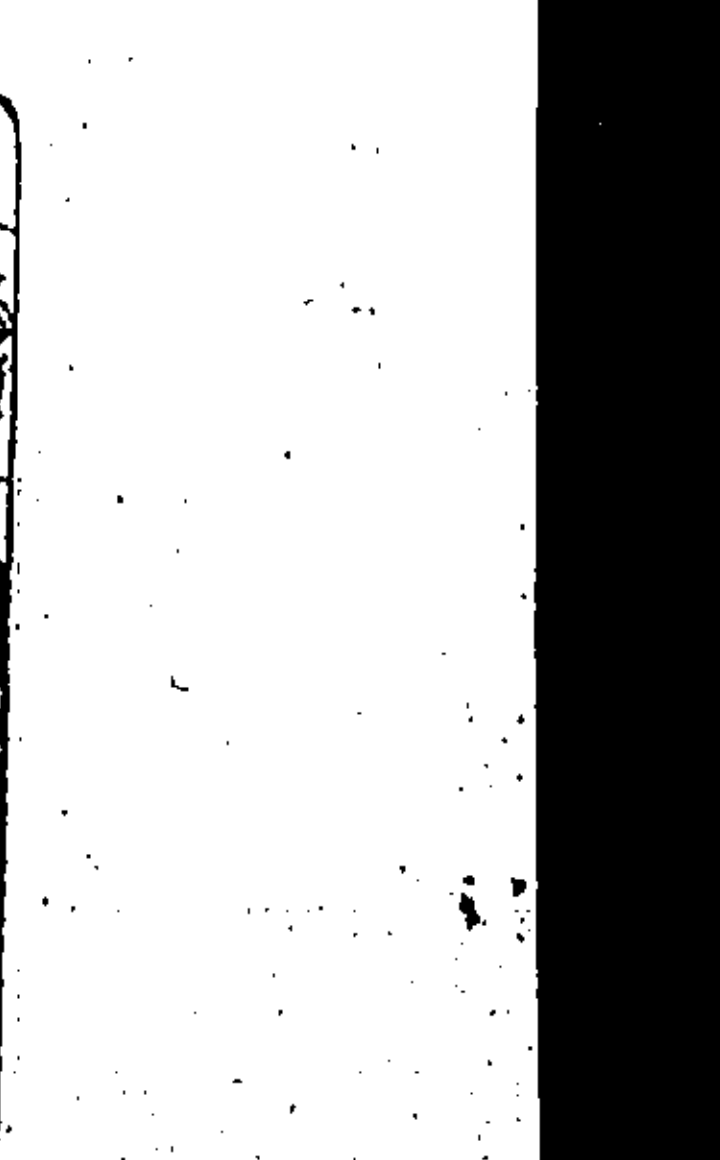
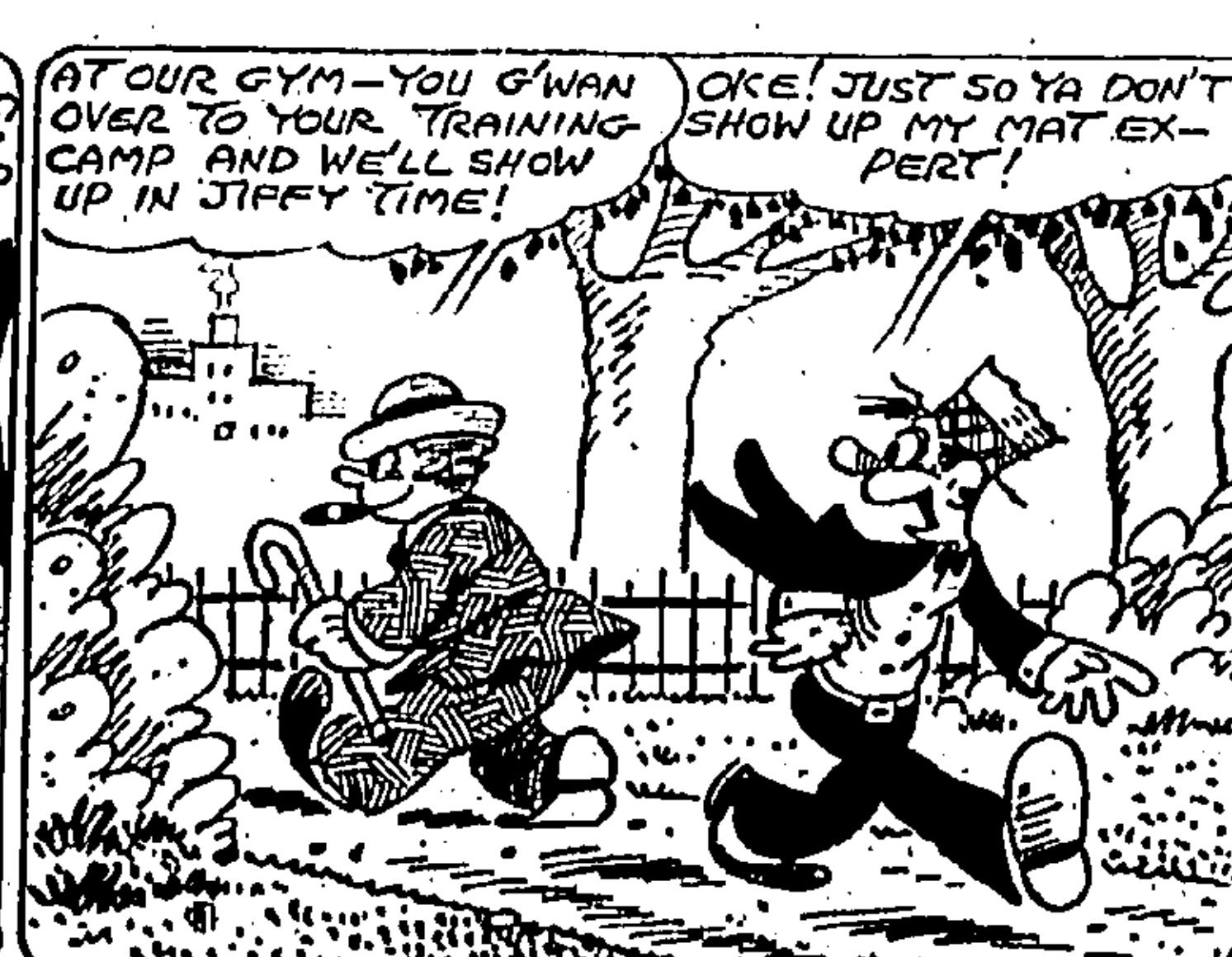
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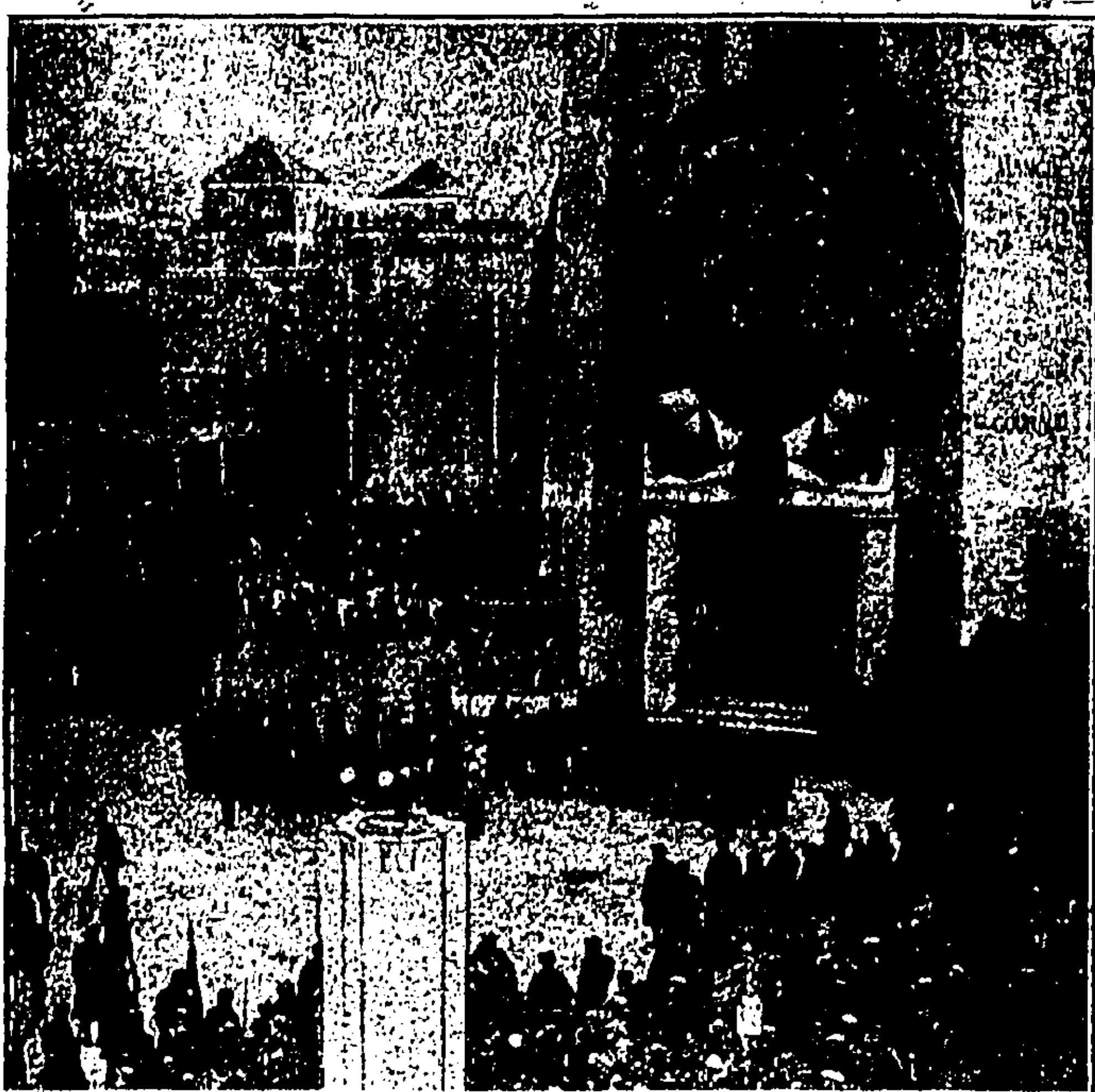
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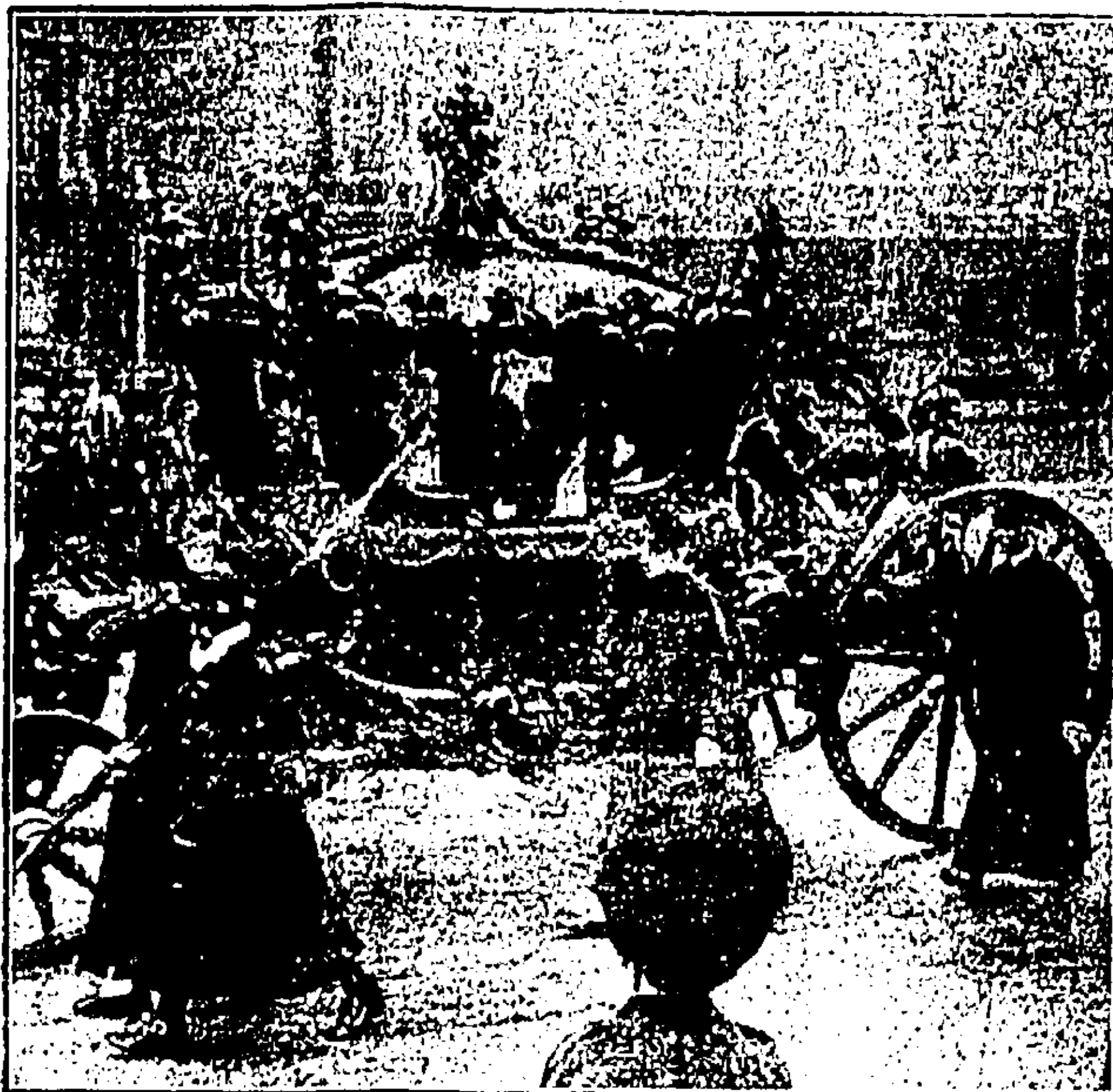
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LOWERING THE TRICOLOUR: OPENING OF PARLIAMENT: RUGBY DUEL.



Impressive ceremonies marked the closing of the International Colonial Exhibition Paris.—(Times copyright).



In spite of the unkindness of the weather, large crowds assembled along the route of the Royal Procession from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords, when H. M. King George opened Parliament in State. Our picture shows the State Coach bearing the King and Queen leaving Westminster after the opening of Parliament. Their Majesties were cheered enthusiastically by the crowds which lined the whole route.—(Times copyright).



The South Africans fielded a strong side in their match with Oxford University, and won comfortably by 24 points to 3. Our picture shows P. de Villiers, the South African scrumming half back, getting the ball away to B. L. Osley from a scrum.—(Times copyright).



Professor Piccard, the famous balloonist, who now aspires to rise to a height of 100,000 feet.

Gems of Peril

HAZEL
ROSS HAILEY

BEGIN HERE, TO-DAY.

Old Mrs. Jupiter, wife of the millionaire automobile manufacturer, gave an engagement dinner and dance for her secretary, Mary Harkness, who is in merry Dirk Jupiter, black-headed young lawyer.

Mary received a telephone call from her employer's brother, Eddie, saying he is in trouble and must see her. The house is strictly guarded against "intruders" because Mrs. Jupiter is wearing the famous Jupiter rubies.

Mary arranged for Eddie to be admitted secretly. When she goes upstairs to meet him she finds Mrs. Jupiter rolled and murdered in her room. Seeking Dirk, she finds him with Cornelia Faber, his childhood sweetheart. Dirk advises her to keep silent about Eddie until he can leave the boy, Howard, reporter for the Star, shows unusual interest in the case. Mary catches Bessie, a maid, trying to tell Howard of Eddie's supposed visit.

CHAPTER VII

There was time for a lunch tray and a nap before she must be ready to meet Dirk. He had not said so, but Mary felt that they must be going to see Eddie. Impatience made her restless, but weariness finally put her to sleep. When Della woke her there was just time for a quick tub and into her clothes before Dirk was due to arrive. She put the little black silk dress on again—it was all she had that was suitable. But she brightened it with a beise fur jacket and toque, and pinned on her shoulder a few of the freshest buds from last night's corsage of tea-roses, now blooming in water on her dressing-table.

Dirk had had tears enough from her and Cornelia both, she thought fondly. Mrs. Jupiter, if she knew, would not mind her brightening up a bit for his sake. To make up for what weeping and worry had done to her eyes she made her mouth vivid with lipstick. She had just patted and pulled into place on each cheek shining loops of dark, mahogany-brown hair, and was looking for final gloves, when the parlor-maid, Bessie, appeared at the door.

"Gentleman to see you, Miss Harkness."

Mary looked around, surprised at the crispness and formality of the girl's tone. Bessie's mouth was faintly malicious; her nose was lifted suspiciously. With all her effort at nonchalance, though, tall and overbearing her features; she looked exactly like the cat that had lapped up the cream.

"You haven't been talking to that reporter any more, have you, Bessie?" asked Mary sharply.

"They won't blame you, silly! It will all be explained very shortly. But you mustn't talk about it to anyone just yet. I would have

spoken to you about it last night, Bessie, only I trusted to your good judgment to keep still."

"The frailty of this plea was apparent to her even as she made it. Bessie's eyes shifted away."

"I don't want the police coming after me," she repeated.

Mary forced a laugh.

"They won't. Of course it was very wrong to leave the door open as you did, Bessie. Anyone might have come in and I'm terribly afraid—someone did. Oh, I'm not blaming you," she held out her hand placatingly as Bessie's eyes flashed resentfully. "I'm blaming myself for not having attended to it. I'd no business leaving it to you."

"My place was in the dining-room, you know that, Miss Mary!" the girl said, accusingly. "It was Bessie's place to watch the door."

"I know that," Mary agreed, wearily. She must not give way to her tears before the girl, she remembered, and drew herself up with a reassuring smile.

"Well, it's possible we've neither of us anything to feel to blame for," she said. "After all, we don't know that anyone came in, then. Not even Mr. Eddie. In fact, I don't believe he came at all."

The maid's look of interest surprised her.

"Oh it was Mr. Eddie you were expecting?"

"Why, yes," said Mary, wonderingly. "Why?"

"It was a mistake, but the name had slipped out before she thought. She couldn't remember whether she had mentioned Eddie at the time she spoke to the maid last night, or not; if she had the girl had probably forgotten, and now she had reminded her again. But why did the maid care?"

"Nothing. Only—"

"Only what?"

The maid lowered her voice fearfully. "Does Mr. Jupiter know?"

Mary flushed. "Why shouldn't he?" she equivocated.

"I don't think he'd like it, if he knew."

"Eddie? But surely—he's always come to see me whenever he liked! As for it's being so late—or rather, so early—he knew there was a party and he wasn't disturbing anyone!"

Immediately she regretted having attempted to justify her actions to the servant. She turned away to bring the subject to an end.

But Bessie lingered, unconvinced. Firm conviction that Mary was about to be ejected from the household in disfavour, made her bold. And jealousy of the girl who was, in her eyes, no more than a fellow-servant, but who gave herself such airs, sharpened her tongue for the thrust.

She shook her head reprovingly. He shouldn't ought to have come back like that," she said righteously. "Not after Mr. Jupiter told him what he did."

"Told him? Mr. Jupiter? When was that?"

"Last week when your brother came. You was out, and Mr. Jupiter came down to see him in the library. And Mr. Jupiter told him he was a young smart aleck that needed a lesson and he wouldn't give a penny to pay a gambler's debts."

Mary leaned weakly against the dressing-table.

"Eddie was here, and I didn't know it? What else—did they say?"

"I think he wanted to borrow a lot of money. Oh, a lot of money. But Mr. Jupiter told him he was a disgrace to his sister, and to go out and earn it like a man. And he told him he was headed for a gambler's grave if he went on as he was doing, and not to show his face here again. Your brother was just going, and he called him back and said, 'For your sister's sake, I'll give you a job!'"

Bessie warmed to her subject, inspired by the impression she was creating on the girl she disliked. "Perhaps I shouldn't ought to tell you—"

Mary faltered. "What did Eddie say?"

"Oh, he didn't say much—he just looked at him. And he said, 'No, thank you. I might have known you wouldn't understand.' I felt sorry for the kid, honest! He looked—sick, and he stood so stiff and straight. I let him out—it was Spence's day off and he was at the pictures. He stood outside the door a minute—honest, I thought he was gonna cry. And then he went away."

She waited, but there was no appreciative response from her audience. Mary was staring past her dazedly into the face of a deeper humiliation than she had ever known.

"So you see," the maid finished, "he didn't ought to have come back like that. I wouldn't ever have said a word, if I'd known."

"You've told Mr. Jupiter, then?"

"Not him. The reporter. Well, he asked me," she bridled, virtuously, "and what could I say?"

"You might have said nothing," Mary thought, but she was too occupied with this new phase of



Davington Priory, near Faversham, Kent, has now come into the possession of the Central Board of Finance of the Church Assembly, which proposes to restore the church and continue the services. The building attached to the church was a nunnery until the reign of Henry VIII. Our picture shows the cloister garth.—(Times copyright).

things to reproach the girl. After all, one had only to glimpse that pretty, shallow face to know that loyalty was not in her. And technically she was perfectly in the right.

"I wasn't going to have them blaming ME!" Bessie repeated by way of excuse.

Mary waved her away, and with a defiant swish of trim grey skirts she left the room.

Mr. Jupiter was having his post-luncheon nap and there was no time to see him anyway. It was nearly three by her wrist-watch and Dirk was waiting. She hurried down the stairs.

But the man who rose from a half-sitting, half-reclining position in the big armchair by the library fire was not Dirk. It was the Star reporter, Bowen.

Mary turned to go, but he halted her with a word.

"Please, Miss Harkness—don't go. I must see you for a minute."

Mary looked about uncertainly for Dirk. He must be here somewhere—or was this the "gentleman to see you," whom Bessie had announced?

"I'm too upset."

Bowen had reached her side with agility remarkable in a man of his generally round appearance. So far as fact would permit, he had placed himself between her and the door, and cut off her retreat. It was presumption but this was a big story and he couldn't afford to fail.

"I know I must seem a callous brute," he said, "asking you questions just at this time. But in the very nature of things, you know, news can't wait. And there's something that you and no one else, can tell me—"

Mary said resignedly, "I suppose you mean about my brother."

And could not resist adding, "I should have thought your interview with the servants would have given you all the material you need."

"Let's get down to business, Miss Harkness. Why didn't you tell Inspector Kane that your brother was here last night?"

"Because," Mary retorted, "I don't know that he was. And neither does anyone else."

"You expected him, though?"

"Yes. He telephoned me about half after 12 that he was in trouble, and must see me at once. The

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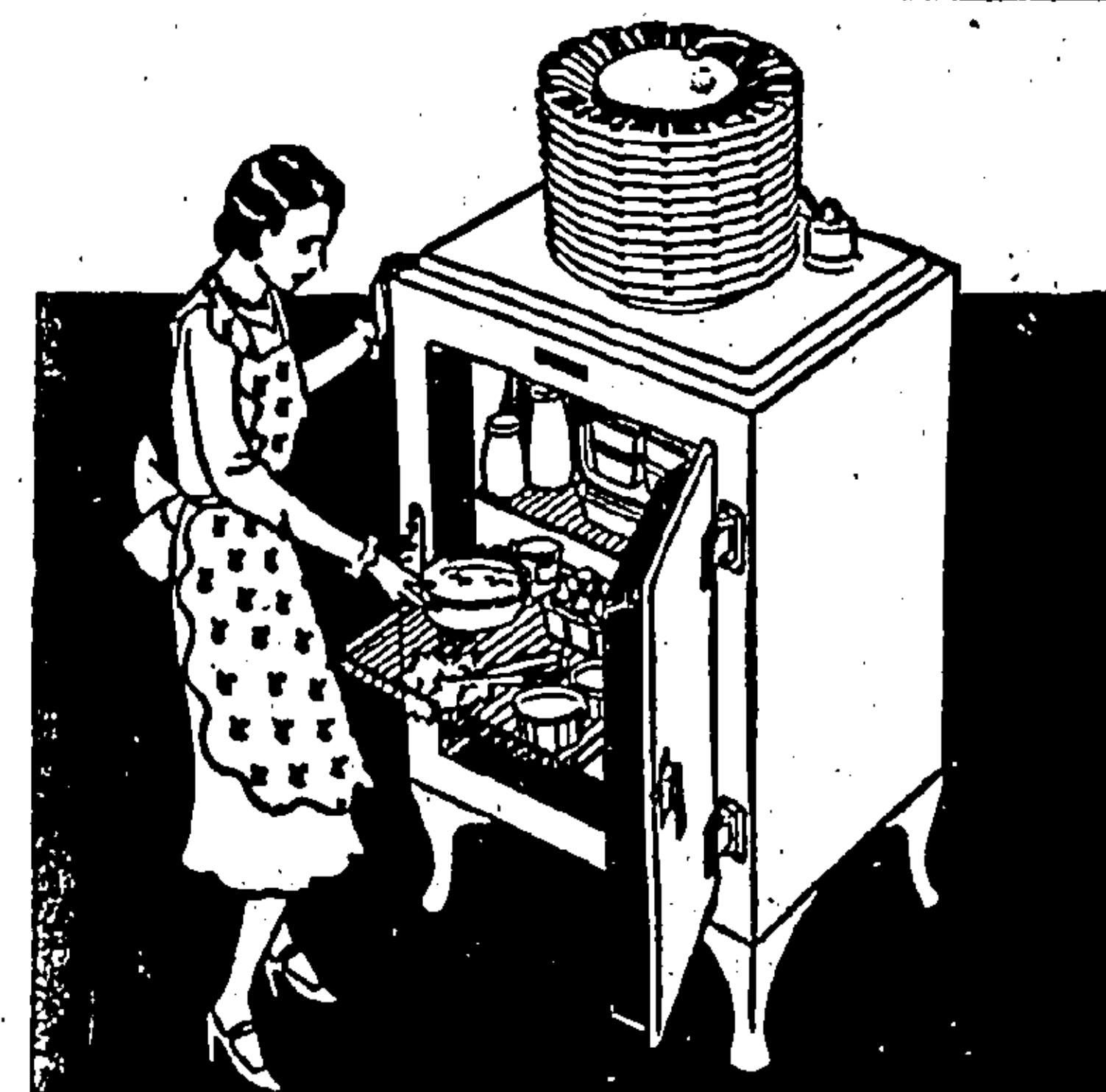
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KING'S RESTAURANT GRILL ROOM.

In consequence of the whole of the Grill Room being engaged for a private dance on Friday, December 18th, diners will be served on the Mezzanine Floor on that evening.

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PENINSULA HOTEL HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION BALL.

Friday, 18th December, 1931.

The Rose Room and Roof Garden having been reserved for the above occasion, the Management beg to inform their patrons that there will be **NO DINNER DANCE**

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NOTICE.

Members are reminded that a Dance will be held in the Rooms of the Institution on Saturday, the 19th December, and requested to send their applications for tickets to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

A. L. LANDSBERT,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1932

(20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th February).

FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING 1932

(5th March).

Draft programmes are now ready and may be obtained at the Secretary's office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hongkong Club, the Sports Club and the Stables, Causeway Bay.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Rule of Racing No. 87, the China Pony Subscription Griffin No. 183, due, 14 hands, will be sold by auction at the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay on Thursday, 24th December, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

FANLING HUNT.

STEEPLECHASE RACES.

SUNDAY, 20th DECEMBER.
Seven Races.
Special Train leaves Kowloon 1.05 p.m. Returning from Fanling to Hong Kong 5.41 p.m.
First Class fare \$2.00 includes Admission to Course.

FANLING HUNT RACES.

Four buses of the China Motor Bus Co., will leave the Star Ferry on Sunday, 20th December, 1931. Two at 10.30 a.m. and two at 11 a.m. going direct to Kwantli Race Course, via Castle Peak, and returning soon after the last race. The Return Fare including entrance to the Race Meeting will be \$3.00.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 31st day of December, 1931, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September, 1931, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 28th December, 1931, to Thursday, 1st December, 1931, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1931.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 483.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for New Kowloon Quarry Lot No. 3," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, for the occupation for a period commencing from the date of notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1933, of the piece or parcel of ground as shown coloured red on a plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 4th December, 1931, and subject to the conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset annual fee \$1,200.
Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown in the event of the tenderer, whose tender is accepted, refusing to carry out the terms and conditions of his tender.

On the acceptance of a tender the deposits of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them. Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works,
Hongkong, 11th December, 1931.

G. R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 484.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for permission to obtain clay from a parcel of Crown Land at Cha Kwo Ling, S.D. III, N.T.," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Thursday, the 31st December, 1931, for the occupation for a period commencing from the date of notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1934, of the piece or parcel of ground, containing about one acre, shown coloured red on plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 9th December, 1931, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset annual fee \$1,000.
Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

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MACAU GREYHOUND RACING CLUB.

NOTICE.

A Draw for a Number of Greyhounds will be held at the Office of the Club, 19, Avenida Almada Ribeiro, Macau, at an early date.

These Greyhounds will be sold to members at \$300 each and are eligible for racing at the Club's "Green Island" Track, Macau.

Members wishing to participate are invited to send in their Names, accompanied with a deposit of \$500 in respect of each dog applied for, as soon as possible.

Names will be booked in the order as received.

Those wishing to participate in the above drawing and are non-members are cordially invited to apply for membership, also at the same address or at the office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hongkong.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1	274.	South of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 218, Waterloo Road.	As per plan plan.	About 20,000 sq. feet.	\$250	\$15,000

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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE HONG KONG.

Members are requested to send in as soon as possible their applications for tickets for the Ball, to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday, 8th January, 1932.

Englishmen wishing to join the Society may obtain particulars from the under-signed.

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Secretaries and Treasurers, Alexandra Building.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY. THERAPION No. 1 THERAPION No. 2 THERAPION No. 3

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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the 18th December, 1931,
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West Point.
(for account of the concerned).
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SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLE QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.
March 1932 6/9½ no change.
May 1932 6/11½ up ¼d.
August 1932 6/13½ down ¼d.
December 1932 7/5¼ down ¾d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ¼d.-½d. more.

New York Terminals.
March 1932 1.07 down 4 pts.
May 1932 1.12 down 3 pts.
July 1932 1.17 down 2 pts.
September 1932 1.23 down 2 pts.
December 1931 1.02 down 3 pts.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	December 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Santha	December 18.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	December 18.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		
(London, 28th November)	Corfu	December 18.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 28th November) and Europe via Siberia (London, 28th November)	Pres. Cleveland	December 18.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers), London 10th November and Parcels, 12th November	Karmala	December 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Chichibu Maru	December 25.
Manila	Pres. Wilson	December 21.
Japan and Shanghai	General Metzinger	December 21.
Saigon	Porhosa	December 23.
Straits	Turkumal Maru	December 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	December 24.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 17, 8 p.m.
Amoy	Changchow	Thurs., Dec. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Thurs., Dec. 17, 4 p.m.
Saigon	Helikon	Thurs., Dec. 17, 6 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Change	Fri., Dec. 18.
	Parcels	Fri., Dec. 17, 6 p.m.
	Registration	Dec. 19, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 18, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island, 20th Dec.)	
Bangkok	Hiram	Fri., Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Solviken	Fri., Dec. 18, 11.30 a.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Fri., Dec. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Dec. 18, 2 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C.		
	Emp. of Russia	Fri., Dec. 18.
	Parcels	Dec. 17, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 17, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
	(Due Vancouver B.C., 4th Jan.)	
Dalny	Hanyang	Fri., Dec. 18, 8.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Kingyuan	Fri., Dec. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Corfu	Sat., Dec. 19.

K.P.O.
Parcels Dec. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Reg. Dec. 19, 9 a.m.
Letters Dec. 19, 10 a.m.

G.P.O.
Parcels Dec. 18, 5 p.m.
Reg. Dec. 19, 0.45 a.m.
Letters Dec. 19, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles, 18th January)

Amoy Fri., Dec. 18, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Emp. of Russia Fri., Dec. 18.
Reg. Dec. 17, 8 p.m.
Letters Dec. 17, 4 p.m.
Japan and Canada via Victoria B.C. Ixion Sat., Dec. 19, 10 a.m.
(Due Victoria B.C., 18th January)
Bangkok via Swatow Sun., Dec. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Canton Maru Sun., Dec. 20, 9 a.m.
Japan and South America Ports Holyo Maru Tues., Dec. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Batavia Tues., Dec. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Halyang Tues., Dec. 22, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles General Metzinger Tues., Dec. 22.

K.P.O.
Registration 2nd 1 p.m.
Letters 2nd 1 p.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 2nd 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2nd 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles, 2nd January)

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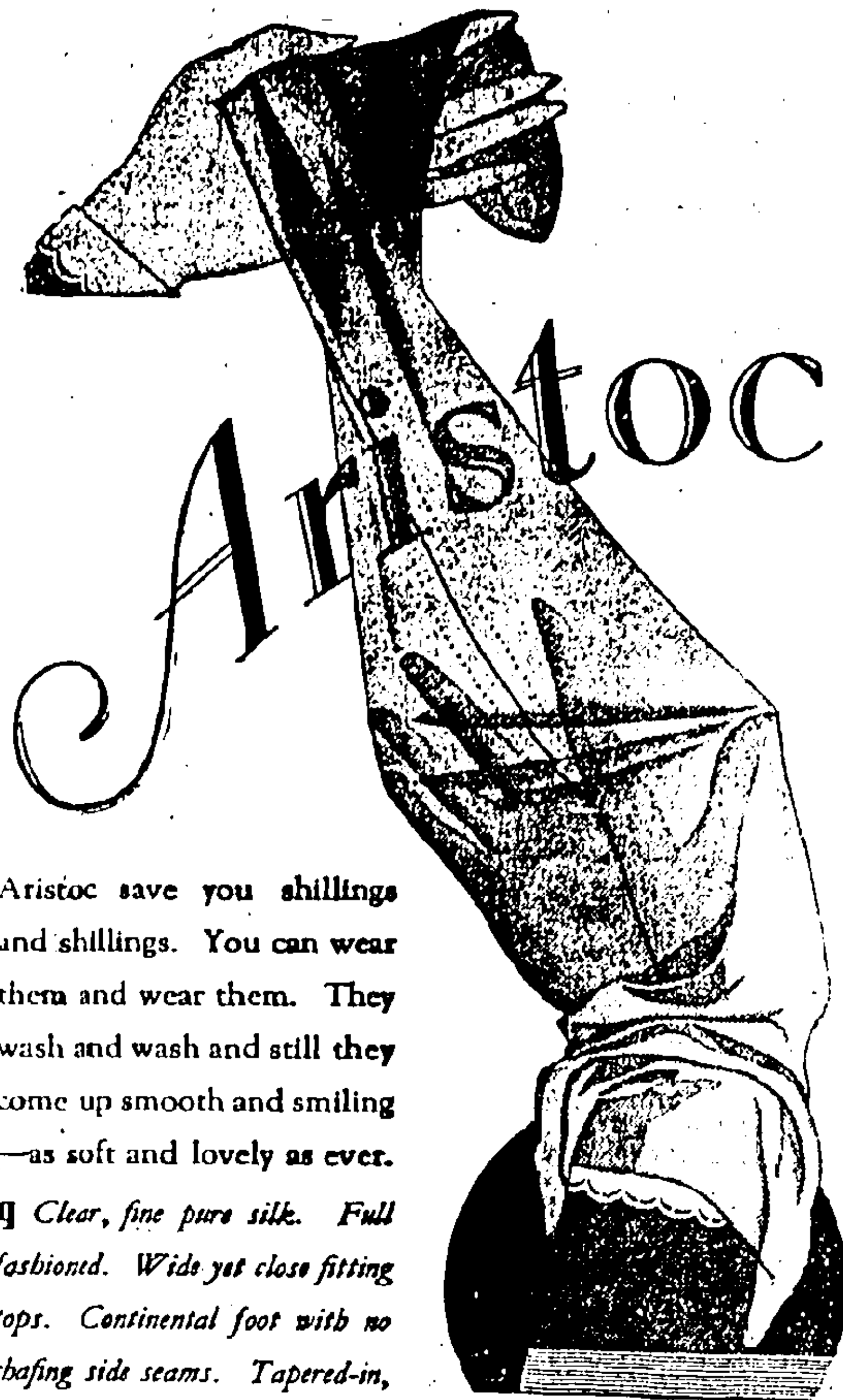
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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
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Banks.	
Hongkong Bank, \$1500 n.	
Chartered Bank, \$11½ n.	
Morantville A. and B., \$19 n.	
East Asia, \$128 n.	
Insurance.	
Canton Ins., \$1460 n.	
Union Ins., \$430 n.	
China Underwriters, \$4.90 b.	
China Fire, \$660 n.	
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1460 n.	
Shipping.	
Douglases, \$23 n.	
H. K. Steamboats, \$24 n.	
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$25 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$27 n.	
Mining.	
Benquet, \$10½ n.	
Kailans, 28/1½ n.	
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 2.70 n.	
Ruils, \$42 b.	
Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves, \$154 n.	
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.	
South China Motors, \$10 n.	
Providents (old), \$6.15 b.	
Hongkows, Tls. 225 n.	
New Engineers, Tls. 6½ n.	
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.	
Cottons.	
Ewo cottons, Tls. 16½ n.	
S'hai Cotton Tls. 82 n.	
Zoon Sings Tls. 12 n.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. K. S. Hotel (old), \$14.80 b.	
H. K. S. Hotel (new), \$14.60 n.	
H. K. Lands, \$80 b.	
S'hai Land, Tls. 32½ n.	
Humphreys, \$18 b.	
Realities, \$11½ n.	
Public Utilities.	
Tramways, \$20.30 b.	
Peak Trams, (old), \$1.25 n.	
Star Ferries, \$96½ n.	
China Light, \$27.60 n.	
H. K. Electric, \$78 b.	
Macao Electric, \$23 n.	
Telephones, \$43 n.	
China Buses, Tls. 17.90 n.	
Singapore Tractions, 4/- n.	
Industrials.	
China Sugars 50 cts. n.	
Malabons \$39 n.	
Canton Ice, \$5½ b.	
Cement (com.), \$18.80 b.	
Ropes, \$16½ n.	
Stores, etc.	
Dairy Farms, \$28½ b.	
Watson, \$16.40 n.	
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.	
Lane Crawford, \$6.60 n.	
Macintosh, \$19 n.	
Sinceres, \$16½ n.	
Powells, \$3.60 n.	
Miscellaneous.	
Amusements, \$19.90 b.	
Constructions, (old) \$5.80 n.	

EXCHANGE RATES.

Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris, 87½	87½
Geneva, 17.11/16	17½
Berlin, 14.9/16	14½
Oslo, 18½	18½
Helsingfors, 245	245
Athens, 255	255
Buenos Aires, 10½	10½
Shanghai, 1/11½	1/11½
New York, 3.44½	3.44½
Amsterdam, 85½	85½
Stockholm, 18	18
Vienna, 29	29

Madrid, 40½	40½	Rio, 4½	4.5/16
Bucharest, 585	580	Bombay, 1/6.9/64	1/6.9/64
Hongkong, 1/5.9/16	1/5.9/16	Yokohama, 2/5½	2/6
Brussels, 24½	24½	Montevideo, 31½	31½
Milan, 67½	67½	Montreal, 4.26½	4.27
Copenhagen, 18½	18½	Silver (spot), 19½	20½
Prague, 116	116	“ (forward) 20½	20.7/16
Lisbon, 169½	169½		—British Wireless.

1931 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FUNCTIONS

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Christmas Eve Thursday, 24th Dec.
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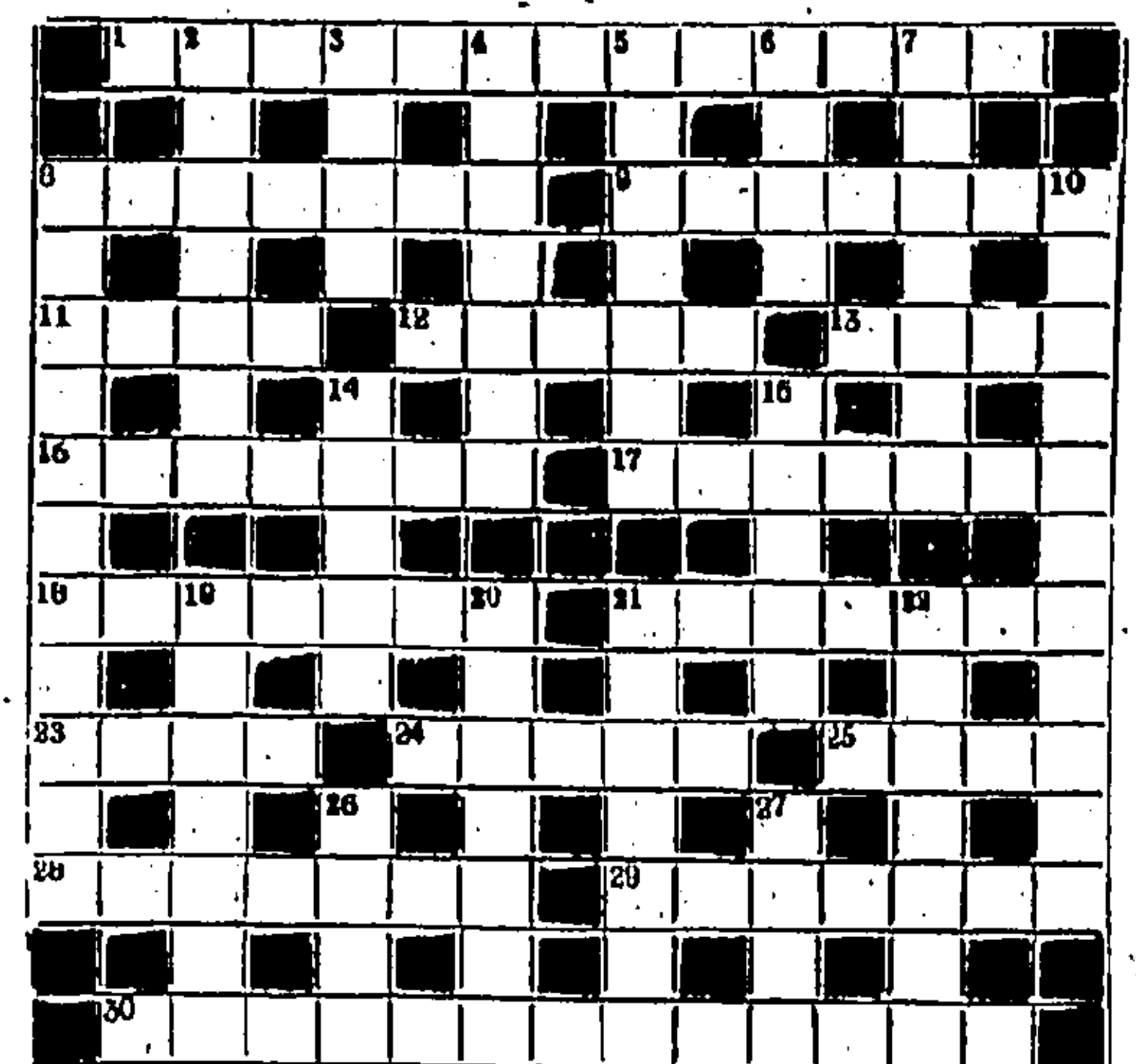
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Across

- Describes the news of yesterday from the Anti-National point of view.
- One who plunders has secured one bird, anyway.
- Bearing the head. (No reference to "Salome" is intended.)
- The fashion begins to moderate.
- Though world famous, the name of this artist is associated with rubbish by the company.
- An aid to the runner-up of godliness.
- This county is noted neither for mountain scenery nor people.
- Testified on oath, and if it is included, set down.
- You'll find a bit of play forms part of this calculated course of conduct.
- Laden.
- Not mine alone the silent hours.
- A girl, obviously wrong.
- Always has its back to the wall.
- Exist.
- The kind of dogs that won't learn tricks. (Two words.)
- Essentially a "Tall, funny dame" (? was at the bottom of things). (anag.)

Down

- In this, Red Ivan makes a hostile incursion.
- The farm servant remains unmoved at the back.
- This is not likely to worry you if your carburettor is pressure fed. (Hyphen.)
- Might describe a carpenter's rule doubly.
- Although reduced, this cut still raises a smoke.

- Just the reverse of what 16 is noted for.
- With a lofty spirit, I am placed at the head of nations, thus giving rise to meditations.
- You will have to be quick about this one if you would be right.
- You have your leg, I can see. I should get off: too tight wait for no man (hidden).
- "Not all the lip can—worth the silence of the heart."—J. Q. Adams, "The Lip and the Heart."
- A type of reindeer.
- This indicates the existence of something else.
- A hanging matter—but it may be a soft one.
- Just the hook to sling.
- A slightly little thing.
- It's my opinion that this will be yours.

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COLLISION ACTION
RESUMED.CROSSING FAIRWAY
IN FOG.

DEFENCE POINTER.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., remarked that "no sane Captain would cross this fairway in a fog," when he continued his address in the consolidated actions brought by the China Navigation Company and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha against each other in the Supreme Court this morning.

This case, which is being heard in Admiralty Jurisdiction, before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and the Harbour Master (Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., Retired) as Assessors, is one arising out of a collision off Kowloon Dock Point between the s.s. Kiangsu and the s.s. Tokooka Maru.

The China Navigation Company, owners of the Kiangsu, claim \$40,000 damages from the N.Y.K., while the latter are claiming for \$40,554 damages against the China Navigation Company.

Mr. Potter, together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., is for the China Navigation Company, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon is for the N.Y.K.

Effect of Anchors.

Mr. Potter reminded the Court that when they adjourned yesterday they were discussing the weight and effect of anchors, and pointed out that the effect of an anchor being dropped was almost immediate on the motion of the ship. He submitted that if the two anchors of the Tokooka Maru had been dropped, the collision would never have occurred.

Counsel went on to emphasize that Capt. Ritchie knew as precisely as it was possible to know, without taking the exact position, where he was, as he was about in the middle of the fairway in which he knew it was the duty of both inward and outward-bound ships to keep to the starboard side. The captain of a ship was, in law, entitled to assume that the other captain would obey the rule of the road.

In addition, Capt. Ritchie knew that there was no other ship behind him or in front of him on the starboard side, and he was only concerned with the one outward-bound vessel, the Tokooka Maru.

Also, being in the fairway, he could never anticipate that he would find an outward-bound ship on the northern side of the fairway, where he eventually found the Tokooka Maru. He was not bound, in law, to anticipate such a manoeuvre.

The Only Conclusion.

Counsel went on to say that the Kiangsu had a following current, and he submitted, as a matter of seamanship, that it was essential for Capt. Ritchie to keep proper and effective steering way on his ship so that he might keep to his own course and prevent his ship drifting into the course of an outward-bound ship.

He would submit on the evidence that the only conclusion to which Capt. Ritchie could come was that the other ship was outward-bound. He heard a fog signal from the Japanese boat at 7.45, and, having heard that signal on his port bow, he came to the only conclusion to which he could come.

Mr. Potter remarked:—"No sane Captain would cross this fairway in a fog and the only conclusion to which Capt. Ritchie could come was that the other boat was outward-bound, moving about east-north-east, and would, inevitably, clear him, as an outward-bound ship would clear him." Capt. Ritchie never had any reason to alter that conclusion.

Approaching Closer.

Counsel went on to deal with the matter of the Tokooka Maru's signals becoming "finer" on the Kiangsu's port bow and submitted that that would be no indication to Capt. Ritchie that she was, in fact, a crossing ship, and was not on her proper side of the fairway. It only indicated that the ships were approaching closer, as they would do in any case when passing in opposite directions in the fairway.

The Chief Justice remarked that he thought it would be difficult, anyway, to draw conclusions as to a ship's position by means of such signals, with which Mr. Potter agreed, saying that, at the most, the signals would give to the hearer only the approximate position.

Capt. Ritchie might have considered that the Japanese ship was on a more northerly course, but that she would, inevitably, at the proper moment, port her helm and take the ordinary and proper course of an outward-bound ship.

It would never enter Capt. Ritchie's brain that a ship would be crossing the fairway in a fog.

Did Nothing.

The captain of the Tokooka Maru was the one man who knew the whole of the position, as he

BRITISH PLANES
AT WUCHOW.FINE EXHIBITION
OF FLYING.

Wuchow, Dec. 14.

Shortly before one o'clock this afternoon the steady drone of aeroplane motors caused the residents of Wuchow to look south-eastward. A few moments later, the crowds were rewarded when two crimson-coloured aeroplanes, with British pilots, shot into sight.

On Sunday, a telegraphic communication from Canton heralded the arrival of the planes at Wuchow on the following day, and consequently their coming was not entirely a surprise to many. It is said that the planes were from Hongkong and are for the use of the Kwangsi Army.

Before proceeding to the Wuchow air port, the two flying machines circled the city several times. That no novices were handling the "sticks" was evidenced by the skillful manner in which the planes were manoeuvred both in the air and on the landing field, which is situated on the south bank of the West River, opposite from the city of Wuchow.

In the afternoon the best exhibition of flying that has ever been witnessed in Wuchow took place when the pilots put their respective planes through their paces. A miniature flying circus ensued, which was greatly enjoyed by the thousands of spectators who made up the interested audience. *Our Own Correspondent.*

AN INTIMIDATOR
GAOLED.LOCAL TERRORIST
GETS DESSERTS.

On charges of demanding money with menaces, and of intimidation, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning was sentenced to three months' hard labour on each count, the terms to run concurrently.

The defendant was alleged to have forcibly taken the complainant away from a tea-house and, with the assistance of several others, led him to the Sze Wo Club in Queen's Road, where he was held prisoner until he consented to join the Club and paid \$500 membership fee. After the money had been handed over, the complainant was provided with a membership book and a medal, and then allowed his freedom.

A charge of illegal detention was also brought against the defendant, but this was dismissed on account of discrepancies in the evidence.

Inspector John Murphy, who prosecuted, informed his Worship that whilst there was nothing known against the defendant, he was regarded as a terrorist in the Central District and people victimised by him were afraid to make any report to the police.

GOVT. POLICY ON
BURMA.DELEGATES NOW
SATISFIED.

London, Dec. 16.

In committee of the Burma Conference, Lord Peel, presiding, said his statement on Friday was intended to define for their guidance a field of useful discussion. The object of the Conference was to frame a Constitution embodying responsible government at the centre as well as in provincial matters, subject to reservations and safeguards. They should consider the virtue of compromise in arriving at a settlement along these lines.

Lord Lathlain said the view held by the Government, as expressed by Lord Peel, was that the principle of the declaration of January 18th applied to the future Constitution of Burma.

U Ba Pe, who raised the question, expressed antipathy, and the three Burma delegates who, as protest, had abstained from the discussions, have resumed an active part in the deliberations. *British Wireless.*

knew he was crossing the fairway against an in-coming ship, while Capt. Ritchie did not. If the Japanese captain had thought for a moment, he would have done something, but he did nothing.

Mr. Jenkin then read Capt. Ritchie's evidence which approximated to the facts contained in Mr. Potter's address, after which the case was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Mr. Sheldon indicated that he would argue that the Kiangsu was travelling at an excessive speed through the fog, and that Capt. Ritchie's proper course would have been to stop the engines on hearing the signals from the Tokooka Maru.

SESSIONS OPEN ON
MONDAY.FIVE CASES ON THE
CALENDAR.

There are five cases down for trial at this month's Criminal Sessions which are to commence at the Supreme Court on Monday.

The first case on the list is one of indecent assault, in which Sit Shek will be charged with that offence against a two-year-old girl named Lo Sau-mui, on October 31, 1931.

All the other cases consist of robbery charges. Chan Yu-wing will be indicted that, on December 31, 1931, with others unknown, they together robbed Chau Ping-chung of \$150 in money.

Chung King-man and Li Fat will be charged that on October 16, 1931, at Kuk Hang Village, Kowloon City, with others unknown, they together robbed the inmates of money and jewellery.

There are three counts in a case in which there are two accused, Cheng Wing and Lam Lun, alias Tai Shek-lun. The first count against both of them is that on November 22, 1931, with others unknown, they together robbed Leung Kam of \$775.90. The second and third counts are against Cheng Wing only, the second charging him with procuring and commanding Lam Lun and others unknown to commit the offence, and the third with conspiring with others to commit the robbery.

Sin Tim, Ng Tak and Li Kam are the accused in the last case. The indictment against the first two is that Ng Tak, on November 20, 1931, at Sheung Sga Po Village, Kowloon City, with others unknown, together robbed Wong Fui-man of 54 rolls of cloth, and that Sin Tim was, at the same time, procuring, abetting, and assisting.

Ng Tak is additionally charged with receiving ten rolls of cloth, while Li Kam is charged with receiving eight rolls.

TOYS FOR LOCAL
MUI-TSAL.GIFTS OF LONDON
CHILDREN.

A touching gift has been received from England of two cases of toys, to be distributed among released mui tsais during the Christmas season. The cases were sent to the Secretary of the Anti-Mui Tsai Society and two letters were sent with the toys addressed to the Salvation Army Home and the C.M.S. Victoria Home and Orphanage.

The toys are forwarded by Mrs. Hazlewood who, in a letter to the Commandant of the Salvation Army Home explained that they were gifts from little children in the East End of London at how to released mui tsais. "They have made a great many of the things themselves," the letter explains, "and in many instances have given their own little treasures. They come with much love and affection."

The toys were forwarded to Hongkong free of charge by Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co., of Liverpool, to whom the Society have written a letter of thanks.

GANDHI FAILS TO
SEE POPE.LOIN CLOTH NOT
QUITE PROPER.

Rome, Dec. 12.

Mahatma Gandhi, on his way back to India after the round table conference at London, missed an opportunity for an audience with the Pope today, because his old costume did not conform to the Vatican's requirement of modesty. Premier Mussolini received him after the Indian Nationalist leader had spent more than an hour visiting the Vatican.

Authorities at the Vatican said the arrangements for an audience with the Pope had been cancelled because the pontiff had other pressing engagements. But it was learned that they felt Gandhi's loin cloth was improper and that they considered it would be indecent to ask him to don more clothing.

AMERICAN SUPPORT
OF LEAGUE.

INTERESTING PARIS MEETING.

Paris, Dec. 16.

The United States Ambassador in Paris, Mr. Walter Edge, visited M. Briand today to offer the American Government's congratulations on the success of the League Council session. M. Briand replied that they had greatly valued the support lent by America to the League in the very delicate Sino-Japanese affair. *Reuters.*

ELECTION EXPENSES.

AN AMUSING BILL OF 1826.

With accounts for election expenses coming in thick and fast, it is interesting to recall the amusing "model electioneering bill," which Sir Mark Somerville had presented to him, in the bad old days of bribery and corruption, by the promoters of the Trim Hotel during a contested election at Month in 1826. A copy is subjoined.

Sir Mark had given orders at the hotel to board and lodge all that should vote for him. His instructions were carried out to the letter, and the account was duly tendered. Sir Mark had this unique document framed, and it still hangs in Somerville House.

MY BILL.

To tenting 16 Free-holders above stairs for Sir Mark, at 3s. 3d. per head, is to me 2 12 0
To eating 15 more below stairs, and two priests after supper, is to me 2 16 9
To 18 horses and 5 mules about my yard all night at 1s. every one of them, and for a man which was lost on the head of watching them all night, is to me 5 5 0
To 6 beds in one room, and 4 in another, at 2 guineas every bed, and not more than 4 in a bed at any time, cheap enough, God knows, is to me 22 15 0
For breakfast on Tay in the morning, for every one of them, and as many more as they brought in, as near as I can guess, is to me 4 12 0
To have Whiskey and Punch, without talking of pipes and tobacco, as well as for breaking a pot above stairs, and other glasses and delph for the first day and night, I am not very sure, but for the three days and a half of the Election, as little as I can call it, and to be very exact, it is in all or thereabouts, as near as I can guess, and not to be too particular, is to me, at least 70 15 9
For shaving and cropping off the heads of 49 Freeholders for Sir Mark, at 13d. for every head of them, by my brother, who has a vote, is to me 2 13 1
For a Womit and Nurse for poor Tom Kannon, in the middle of the night, when he was not expected, is to me ten Hogs, I don't talk of the piper for keeping him sober as long as he was sober, is to me 11 11 8 7

Signed in the place of Jenny Carr's wife, his mark, X, Bryan and Magdalen's mark, X, You may say £111, so, your honour, Sir Mark send me this Eleven Hundred by Bryan himself, who and I pray for your success always in Trim, so no more at present.

PIGS IN PUBLIC
STREET.FIVE OWNERS FINED
AT KOWLOON.

A rather unusual case came before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning when five villagers were charged with allowing their pigs to wander about in the public street at To Ka Wan, near Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Company's shipyard.

Inspector Logan, who prosecuted, said he had received many complaints from neighbours and passers-by, and on visiting the place yesterday, he found several pigs wandering on the road.

His Worship (to defendants):—"You must not allow your pigs to run about. I suppose if they were allowed to run over you would claim damages. Don't forget you are now in a town and not in the country. Defendants were each fined \$2."

In connexion with the Christmas party at the Volunteer Headquarters on December 23rd, "Father Christmas" wishes to announce that all replies to his invitation should be sent in before next Sunday.

QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS
HONGKONG.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by Hongkong against arrivals from Amoy on account of small-pox.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened. It is central near Shanghai, moving east.

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9.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.
8.05-8.32 p.m. A Selection of Orchestral Items played by The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.
Afternoon of a Faun (Debussy). 6760.
Dance Macabre (Dance of Death) (Saint-Saens). 6605.
Rienzi-Overture (Wagner). 6624.
8.32-9.00 p.m. Pianoforte Solos, by Alfred Cortot.
Harmenious Blacksmith (Handel). Berceuse (Chopin). 6752.
Ballade in G Minor (Chopin). 6612.
Etude in A Flat Major (Chopin). Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin). 1101.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co., 9.00-11.00 p.m. (Approx.):
Relay of the 1st Act of "Miss Hoo of Holland" by courtesy of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society.
11.00 p.m. (approx.): Rugby mid-day press news.
11.05 p.m. (approx.): Close down.

SECRECY IN CHARGE
OF BLACKMAIL.MAGISTRATE AND ELECTION
CANDIDATE.

The case of alleged blackmail in which the prosecutor—referred to as "Mr. Y."—was a candidate at the General Election, was heard at Marlborough-street.

Charles Lester Kerr, aged 46, a retired naval commander, of Regent-street, London, W., and Cranley-gardens, Kensington, is accused of threatening to divulge certain facts in "Mr. Y's" past and demanding that "Mr. Y." should apply for shares in a company in which Kerr was interested.

The charge is denied.

Mr. E. F. Lever (for the defence) said that he had a great deal of information which he thought would destroy the prosecution in another place.

Mr. C. Hornby (prosecuting) referred to the name of a man mentioned by Mr. Lever and said that if it were published it would inevitably identify "Mr. Y." and he asked that the man should be known by an initial only.

The Magistrate—The whole object of this secrecy is to deprive blackmailers of their strongest weapon—publicity. I am going to do nothing which will alter the attitude taken up by the courts.

Mr. Lever said that the point he would submit was that there could be no evidence of intent to extort where there was a debt or an honest belief of a debt.

PHIPPS FINDS A
THINKING ROBOT.

(Continued from Page 6.)

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I was intrigued by the "Human" traffic control signal which, in spite of not having been to a public school, is able to think. It directs traffic, unlike the time-signal, according to the amount which has accumulated, but it is not yet known whether it will be able to give old ladies their bearings.

What would a Roman urban council have thought of road-drills, concrete mixers, tar-sprayers, stone-crushers, bitumen-boilers, and hooligan-proof playground equipment?

Talking of steam-rollers, it seems possible that even this emblem of civic progress may suffer an eclipse. Oil-engined rollers are now, I understand, considered very choice. There were several of the latter on view.

One steam-driven model, however, aroused considerable interest, being known as the "Waveless Roller." Its chief merit is that it does not follow the undulations of the road, but irons it out perfectly flat, thus eliminating "mal de macadam" or "roller-driver's hiccoughs."

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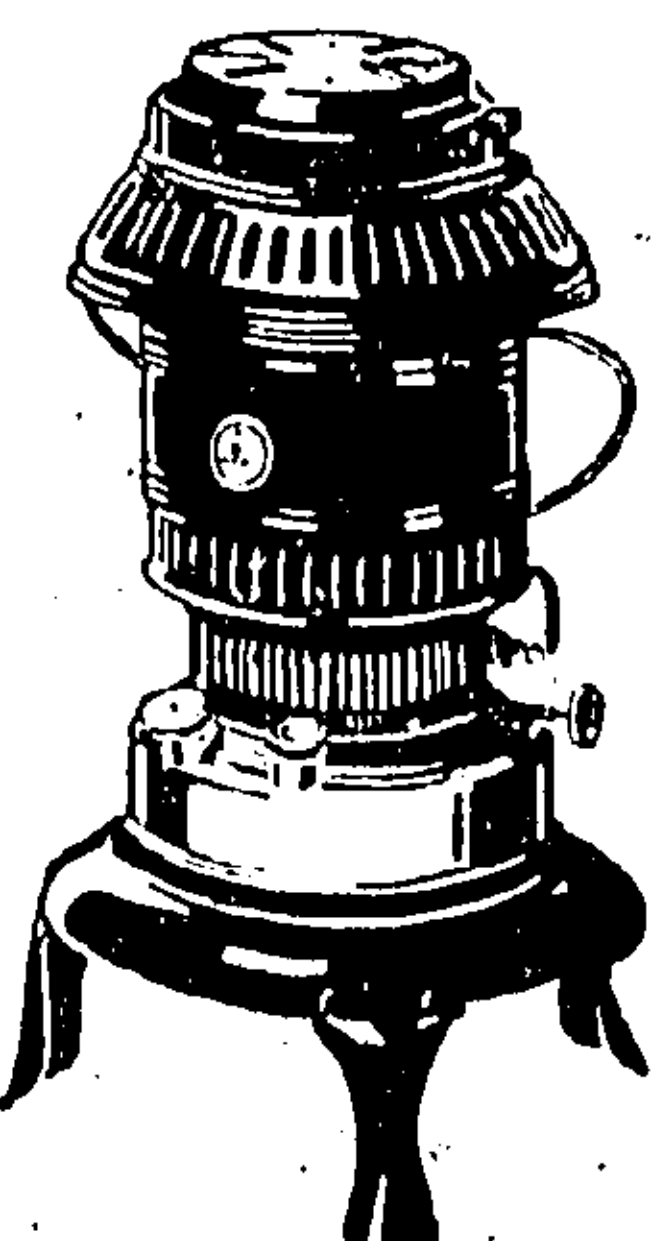
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LEAGUE CRICKET.

ENGINEERS DRAW WITH BORDERERS.

Playing in the Second Division of the League yesterday, the Royal Engineers and Signals drew with the South Wales Borderers at Sookunpoo. It was a batsman's wicket, and, going in first, the South Wales Borderers took some dislodging. They started indifferently, losing a wicket at 18 and another at 20. Then Lieut. A. C. Hamilton went in and made things merry. He hit three sixes and eleven fours, and 122 were on for the third wicket. Later he was joined by Captain Gottwaltz, who also hit a six. Hamilton was not out 50 and Gottwaltz not out 29 when the innings was declared at 174.

The Engineers and Signals opened disastrously and only Signalman Williams, who hit a six in his 30, showed up as a run-getter. With nine wickets down for 80, defeat was narrowly averted. Scores:

South Wales Borderers.			
Lieut. G. P. G. de Winton, b Williams	4		
Capt. W. A. Higgins, b Williams	12		
Pte. Roman, c Holmes, b Williams	16		
Lieut. A. C. Hamilton, not out	50		
Lieut. J. O. Crowe Road, c Williams, b Anstruther	3		
Capt. P. Gottwaltz, not out	29		
Extras	20		
Total (for 4 wks. dec.)	174		

Fall of wickets.—1 for 18, 2 for 20, 3 for 122, 4 for 134.
Ptes. Hoskins, Morgan, Nelson, Turner and Whelan did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Williams	11	1	42
Buckle	2	1	4
Meehan	6	1	23
Jordan	3		25

R. E. and Signals.			
Lieut. Eubank, b Wales	7		
Cpl. Meehan, b Wales	1		
Sgt. Gillet, b Roman	4		
Sgt. Williams, b Hoskins	30		
Spr. Holmes, b.w. Wales	0		
Lieut. Anstruther, c and b Hamilton	10		
Lieut. Col. Marnham, b Hoskins	3		
Cpl. Saunders, c Gottwaltz, b Wales	7		
S. C. Jordan, not out	16		
L. Cpl. Higgins, b Roman	0		
Sgt. Buckle, not out	0		
Extras	9		
Total (for 4 wks.)	89		

Fall of wickets.—1 for 1, 2 for 12, 3 for 12, 4 for 22, 5 for 50, 6 for 58, 7 for 61, 8 for 83, 9 for 88.

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Roman	10	2	20
Wales	10	2	20
Hoskins	7		22
Nelson	2		4
Hamilton	5		11

I.R.C. v. Volunteers.
The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club against the Volunteers on Sunday, December 20th, 1931, at 2 p.m. on the I.R.C. ground—A. A. Ramjahn (Capt.), A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail, S. R. Kermani, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, O. Ismail, M. R. Abbas, A. R. Abbas, A. S. Sullad, and H. D. Ramjahn. Reserves: K. Nazam and M. el Areulli.

H.K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI against the C.S.C.C. on the Club ground on Saturday, December 19, at 2 p.m.—R. K. Hopburn, (Capt.), C. F. Gahagan, F. A. M. Elliott, R. R. Davies, R. S. W. Paterson, A. J. Wolff, J. R. Ratten, L. A. Whippa, P. W. J. Plummer, W. Stoker, J. R. Way.

Civil Service Teams.
The following have been selected to represent the Civil Service C.C. in their League matches against the H.K.C.C. on Saturday next:

1st team at C.S.C.C. ground—B. D. Evans (Capt.), J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, E. B. Reed, F. J. Ling, F. Baker, R. M. Wood, J. Barrow, J. F. McGowan, E. W. Hamilton.

2nd team at H.K.C.C. ground—H. E. Strange (Capt.), P. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Wood, W. H. Edmonds, C. H. G. Bradley, F. Matthews, A. W. Grimmett, S. Randle, R. H. Woodman, R. G. Robertson, J. M. Wilson.



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The fourth match in the billiards tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong Challenge Cups was held in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night, when H. M. S. Medway met and defeated the R.A.S.C. by four games to one.

Mention should be made of Private Funnell, who after being well in arrears looked like winning his game. He made a splendid break of 54 and another of 23, and finally lost by the narrow margin of 9. His opponent, E. R. A. Green, played consistently throughout and was a deserving winner.

Other players worthy of mention were E. R. A. Almond, Pte. Black and E. R. A. Ashby.

The results of the games were as follows:

H.M.S. Medway.	
E. R. A. Gipton	150
E. R. A. Green	150
E. R. A. Ashby	150
C. A. Dimes	150
E. R. A. Almond	143

R.A.S.C.	
Private Davies	63
Private Funnell	141
S. S. M. Jordan	122
Sgt. McCulloch	130
Private Black	150

The next match will be held on Friday evening, December 18, when the R.A.O.C. will meet the 31st Heavy Battery, R.A.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB "A" TEAM AGAINST RADIO SPORTS.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" Team against Radio Sports Club at King's Park at 5 p.m. today: E. S. Moore, L. A. R. Duncan, L. F. Nicholson, W. A. Nowers, F. W. Allen, K. H. Uttley, L. D. Kilbee, J. L. Tetley, R. H. D. Wade, G. F. Rees, and R. W. Sapsed.

H.K.S.R.A. Lose to Radio.

In a hockey match yesterday the Radio Sports Club defeated the H.K.S.R.A. by two goals to one, in a very fast and interesting game.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

There is no material change in the rates this morning, the market being quietly steady.

Sales.	
Wharves, \$154.	
Hotels (old), \$154.	
Trams, \$21/421.10.	
Lane, Crawfords (old), \$8.00.	
Providents (old), \$5.4.	
Humphreys (old), \$18.	
Dairy Farms, \$20.20.	
H.K. Amusements, \$20.	
Buyers.	
Hotels (old), \$14.80.	
Rauhs, \$42.	
Humphreys (old), \$18.	
Chinese Estates, \$35.	
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H.K. Electric, \$75.	
Canton Ice, \$5.4.	
Dairy Farms, \$28.4.	
Entertainments (new), \$16.	
H.K. Lands, \$80.	
Providents (new), \$5.15.	
Providents (old), \$2.35.	
Ewos, Tls. 15.4.	
Penk Trams (new), \$7.4.	
Telephones (part paid), \$25.4.	
Cements (combined), \$18.80.	
H.K. Amusements, \$19.80.	
H.K. Government Loan, \$2.4. premium.	
Sellers.	
Ewos, Tls. 15.90.	
S.C. Enterprises, \$10.	
China Lights, \$27.00.	

VALLEY GOLF.

DRAW FOR ADAMSON CUP MATCH.

In the Adamson Cup December qualifying round R. C. Wallace with a score of 81—9=72 qualified. The draw for the match play stage resulted as follows:
E. Moore (15) v. J. Laing (14).
G. McLeod (14) v. W. J. G. Jenkins (17).
A. G. Ursell (17) v. A. D. Fraser (18).
R. Wallace (8) v. A. E. Clarke (14).
The first round is to be played on or before January 10, the semi-finals on or before January 31 and the final on or before February 15.
Entries for the Junior section championship close on January 3, 1932.

WHOLESALE PRICE COMPARISONS.

HONGKONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

As measured at the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department wholesale prices in Hongkong during the first three quarters of 1931 showed, on balance, a general average index number slightly more than double the United Kingdom index number, as measured at the Board of Trade, the respective figures being Hongkong, 129.1; United Kingdom, 62.4.

For purposes of comparison the Hongkong index numbers have been converted from the basis of 1922=100 to 1924=100. It should be understood, however, that the respective indexes are not strictly comparable.

The general average for all articles in the United Kingdom showed a steady quarterly decline throughout the whole period, whereas the Hongkong figures rose slightly in the second quarter and fell comparatively heavily in the third quarter.

Great Britain abandoned the gold standard on September 20, and it is interesting to note that the index figure for all articles increased from 59.2 in the earlier part of the month to 60.2 in the later part of the month. The principal proportionate increases occurred in the cereals group (8.6%), cotton (6.6%), textiles other than cotton and wool (5.2%), and other metals and minerals (3.2%). The meat and fish group declined 4.4%.

The provisional index figure of 120.5 for Hongkong for the month of October (on a 1924 basis) is the lowest recorded: this year, the July figure being 125.0, August 126.9 and September 121.7. As compared with September the index number for foodstuffs fell from 136.1 to 130.1, while the index number for articles other than food increased from 119.9 to 117.3.

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JURY ALTER THEIR
VERDICT.ENQUIRY INTO DEATH OF
A PRISONER.

A verdict of "manslaughter against a person unknown" was brought in yesterday afternoon by the jury empanelled in the inquiry, conducted by Mr. Fraser, into the circumstances of the death of Chung Tung, a prisoner in Lanchow Gaol, on December 12, but after being addressed by the Coroner, the jury altered it to "accidental death."

Yesterday's hearing was conducted at the Lanchow Gaol several prisoners being examined in the course of the proceedings. The jury consisted of Messrs. A. Mann (foreman), E. A. Remedios and Lo Wang-choung.

Altered Verdict.

After a few minutes' consideration, the jury returned a verdict of "manslaughter against a person unknown."

The Coroner.—On the evidence, there are only three possible verdicts—manslaughter, accidental death or an open verdict. I must say that on the evidence given you cannot bring in a verdict of manslaughter. There is only one man against whom you could bring in a charge of manslaughter and that is the man who is alleged to have struck the deceased. You have the evidence of a prisoner who alleges that he saw Prisoner 11777 striking the deceased, and he later says he himself was struck by this prisoner.

The Coroner went on to say that this rather took some value from this witness's evidence, because obviously he had a grudge against Prisoner 11777.

There was only this man's evidence to support a charge of manslaughter, said the Coroner, and he did not think that a man could be convicted of manslaughter on this evidence alone.

"You are the judge of the facts and I am the judge of law," concluded the Coroner, "but I do not think you can bring in a verdict of manslaughter in this case."

The jury then returned a verdict of "accidental death."

OBITUARY.

CAPT. H. A. SETTLE OF CHINA
 NAVIGATION CO.

Deep regret will be caused by the death of Capt. Harry Armstrong Settle of the China Navigation Company, who passed away at the French Hospital yesterday from pneumonia at the early age of 31 years.

A well known and popular officer of the Company, the late Capt. Settle, whose home was in Liverpool, first joined the China Navigation Company in November 1922 and was promoted to the rank of Chief Officer three years later. For short periods on different occasions he was acting master of the Company's ship Newchang, Ichang and Shantung and was due for permanent promotion to a command during the next few months.

A keen mason, Capt. Settle was master mason of the lodge of St. John 618.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Settle in the loss she has been called upon to bear.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

GEMS OF PERIL.

(Continued from Page 3.)

maid should have let him in. You understand that was necessary, because no one was being admitted except invited guests. But she was busy, and she carelessly left the door unlocked. No one came, or went, that we know of. I locked the door again myself, after I came down from—up there."

"But someone might have come and gone, you admit that. And it might have been your brother. And during that time—how long was it?—about 20 minutes altogether—Mrs. Jupiter was robbed and killed."

"Yes. But Eddie had nothing to do with it. I'm as sure of that as I am of God." Their eyes met and held. "You believe me, don't you?"

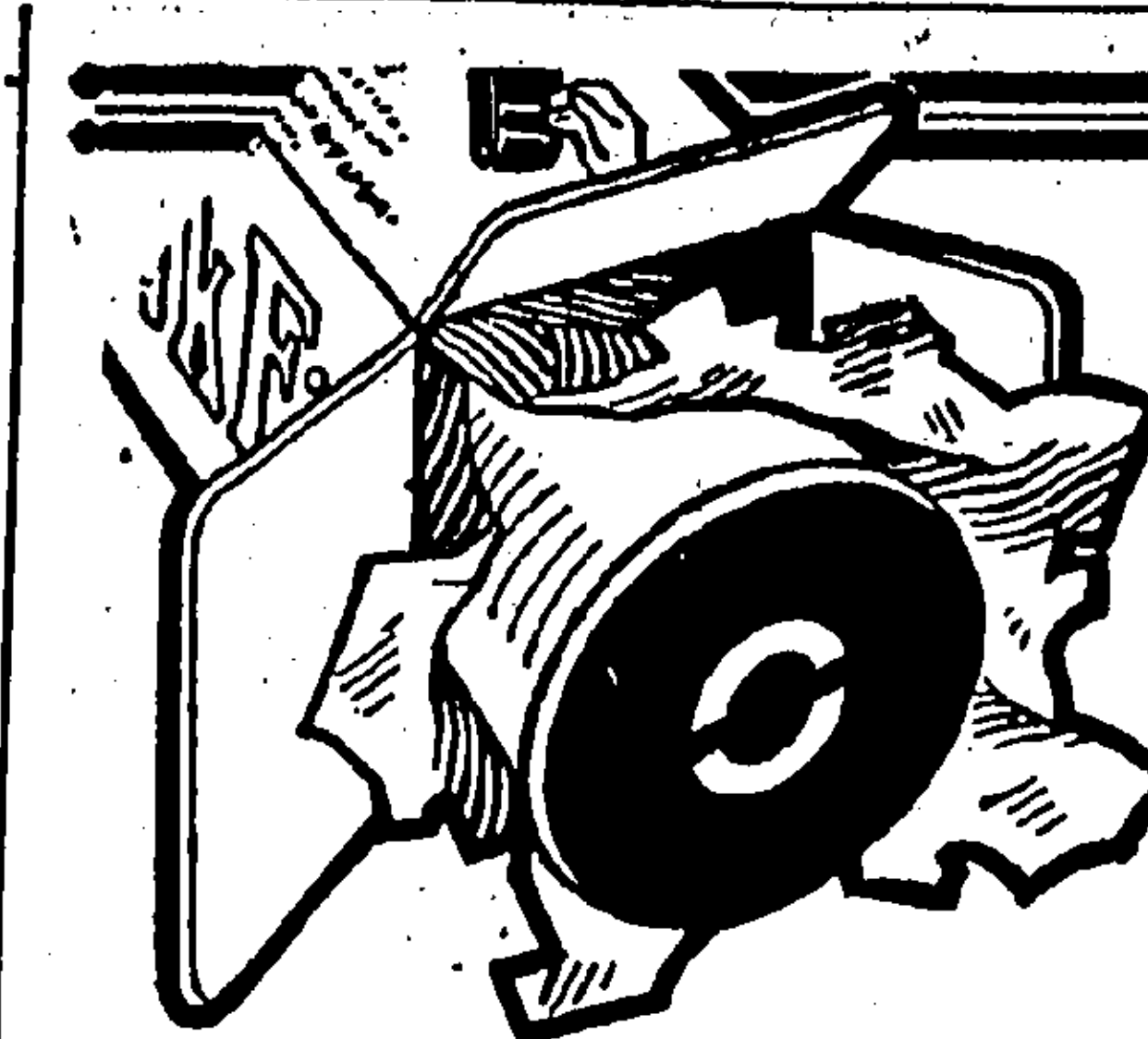
Before the sincerity in the girl's grey eyes, Bowen found himself saying "Yes," and meaning it.

"You won't put anything in your paper about it, will you?"

Bowen hesitated, but only for a minute. "I have to, Miss Harkness. There was real regret in his voice."

"You couldn't wait just until I see my brother and find out what he knows?"

"Perhaps I could do that. When are you seeing him?"



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The newspaperman's zeal for a bent began to gleam in Bowen's eyes. The spell that beauty in distress had cast over him for the moment abated before the thrilling

realization that the biggest story in years was in reach of his hand. Lovely this girl might be, and over so innocent, but her brother was a red-handed murderer, if ever there was one, according to his way of thinking.

"May I go with you?" he asked, eagerly. "Wink over your brother's story is, it must be told some time, and if I could get to him first—"

But Mary was not listening; she

was waiting tensely while a maid went to call Dirk to the telephone.

Presently a woman's tones came drifting over the wire. Mrs. Ruythor's.

"Oh, Mary," she said, languidly, "Dirk asked me to call him, but the poor boy is sleeping so soundly! I hadn't the heart to wake him. Can't it wait awhile, whatever it is?"

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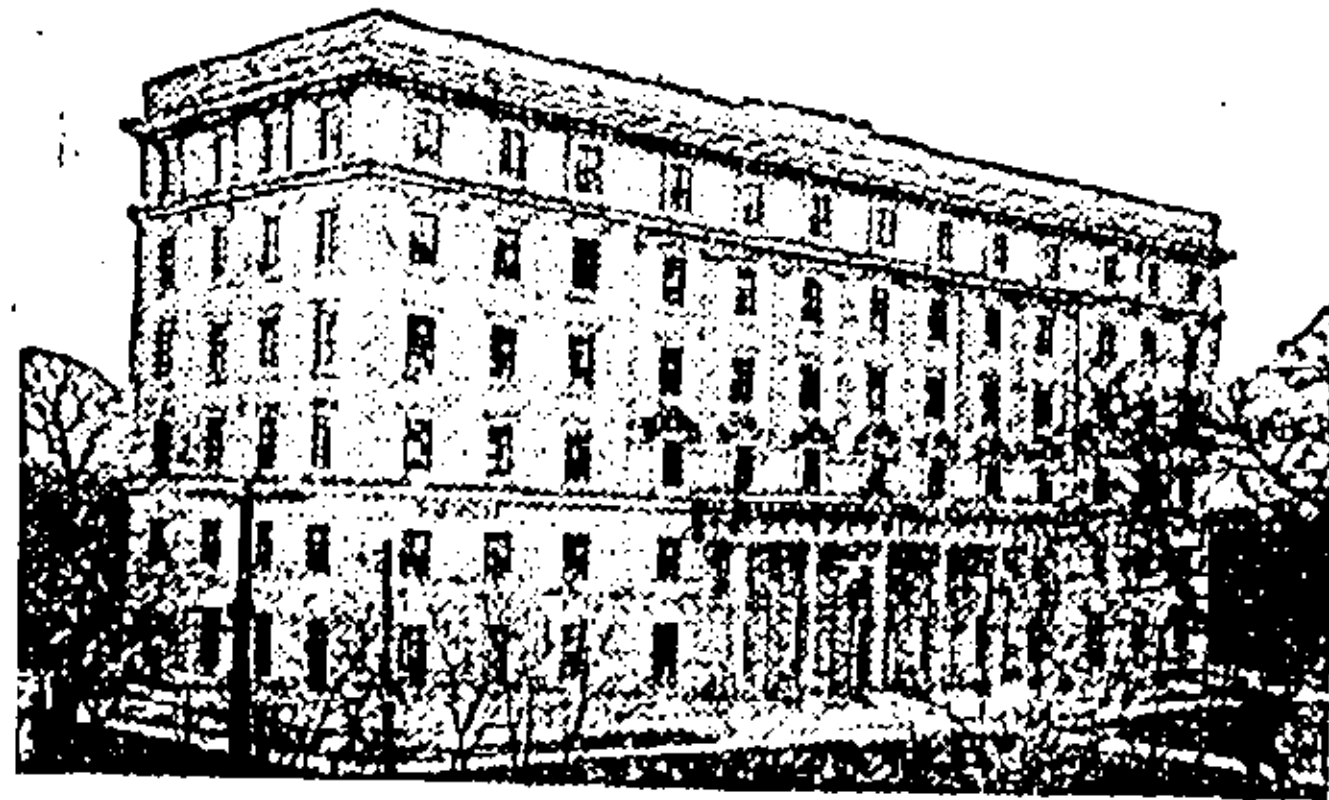
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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Great difficulties in photographing and recording scenes of the majestic outdoors of the Hudson Bay country were encountered by the Warner Bros. company, under the direction of George Fitzmaurice, during the filming of the Vitaphone production, "Tiger Rose," which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day, co-starring Monte Blue and Lupo Velez.

Much of the picture was taken along rushing streams and on lakes. Frequently, in order to catch the canoe and boat scenes, company carpenters would have to build platforms out into the torrents on which to place the cameras and recording equipment. One of the most vivid scenes of the picture is that in which Lupo, Blue and Grant Withers start down the river in a frail boat, and ride the rapids. Parts of these scenes were taken at Lake Arrowhead, and the rest in the rushing rapids of the American River, in the high Sierras. "Tiger Rose," adapted from Willard Mack's stage play, is marked by its pictorial beauty.

"The Ghost Train."

Nowadays the test applied to a new play is a comparatively simple one: "Will it make a good talkie?" Some years ago a stage play drew all London to the Garrick Theatre, and none was able to apply to-day's test. "The Ghost Train" drew its thousands for months, because of its eerie story and the noises "off."

It was considered a film subject from the evening of the try-out, but time elapsed before W. and F. secured the rights and produced a silent version of the thriller which swept the country.

With the coming of the talkie it was inevitable that "The Ghost Train," coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, should be given a new lease of life. It is an ideal subject for the sound technician, and the making of the new picture was entrusted to Gainsborough Pictures.

The noises "off," so skillfully and laboriously concocted for the silent version, are in the new picture part and parcel of the action.

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"Africa Speaks."

Many African tribes—particularly those of the French Congo—have long made it a practice to mutilate the faces of their women. The fact has been observed and deplored not only by travellers, but by French government officials. All attempts to discover the origin of the custom failed, however, until Paul L. Hoeller, who recently made an amazing trip in the interests of the Colorado-African Expedition, unearthed the secret.

When Hoeller reached the village of Fiva Be in the French Congo, which is inhabited by the Ubangia tribe, he was shocked, as others had been, to see that the faces of the native women were disfigured. They all wore huge wooden discs inserted in their lower lips, which gave them the appearance of grotesque ducks.

Upon inquiry Hoeller learned that the custom originated in the days of the slave traffic. Arab bands, who swept out of the desert on their quest for black ivory and slaves, never failed to call upon the Ubangias, for the women of the tribe were noted for their beauty. The marauders were so greedy that they soon exhausted the supply of young girls. They then made a practice of seizing female infants. These were reared by Arab women until old enough to sell in the slave market. Many Ubangia men, who fought valiantly to defend their women, were killed in the raids. The result was that the tribe was almost wiped out.

How long this reign of terror continued it is impossible to say, but eventually the tribe built a central fort, around which the many scattered villages were collected. When the marauders came out of the sands, the people would retire to the fort and from its protecting walls were able to withstand all assaults. But further to discourage the slave hunters they commenced the practice of disfiguring the faces of their women.

Authentic photographs of these duck-billed women are shown in "Africa Speaks," the sensational African adventure picture, which is now at the Central Theatre, together with many other intimate glimpses of native life. The film, released throughout the world by Columbia Pictures, abounds as well in splendid scenic effects, and amazingly close shots of the wild beasts of the jungle. Authorities and informed laymen who have seen the picture are unanimous in unstinted praise of the thrilling scenes and realistic photography. Needless to state, the sounds of the jungle, brought to the screen for the first time, play a large part in contributing to the unparalleled effect of the film.

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Berlin, Dec. 16. The Government position has been strengthened by a vote of the House Committee rejecting by 321 to 266 an opposition motion to force a convocation of the Reichstag to discuss the Brüning emergency decree.

The Socialists supported the Government against the Communists, Nazis and German Nationalists.—*Reuter.*

Germany's Capacity.

London, Dec. 16. The drafting sub-committee, consisting of Signor Beneduce (Italy), Sir Walter Layton (Britain), Professor Rist (France) and Dr. Melcher (Germany), has now begun work on the report of the Young Plan advisory committee, which is engaged at Basel in an examination of Germany's financial capacity.

The committee yesterday heard a statement from Dr. Homberger on the financial position of the German railways, which under the Young Plan contribute £33,000,000 annually, equivalent to the amount of the unconditional annuity, to reparation payments.

Exhaustive evidence has now been taken of every aspect of German finances, and this has gone to show that all three principal sources of money earmarked to provide reparation payments have suffered substantial diminution. Meanwhile, other committees are examining the railway accounts and points of detail concerning the German budget.—*British Wireless.*

British Stocks.

London, Dec. 16. On the Stock Exchange this morning, the leading British Government stocks were generally one eighth to three eighths higher, with the sterling-dollar rate quoted a shade better, at 3.44½.—*British Wireless.*

RAILWAY RATES.

LOWER CHARGES TO MEET COMPETITION.

London, Dec. 16. In order to compete with road and water transport, the railways

THE WAR AREAS.

CHINCHOW TROOPS BEING WITHDRAWN.

Tokyo, Dec. 16. Owing to what are considered to be indications that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang is preparing to withdraw the Chinchow garrison within the Great Wall, it is learned that the proposal to despatch an additional one and a half divisions to Manchuria has been dropped.

However, the Cabinet will today consider the despatch of a mixed brigade to the Kwantung leased territory where the troops will be available to provide relief for the troops in Manchuria.

If the despatch is sanctioned it is expected that one or two battalions will be earmarked to proceed to Tientsin in the event of disturbances in North China arising out of General Chiang Kai-shek's resignation.—*Reuter.*

The Railways.

Tokyo, Dec. 16. According to a report from Mukden, the Chinese Eastern Railway authorities have approached the South Manchuria Railway with an offer to sell the southern section of the C.E.R., from Harbin to Changchun, as they foresee that the value of this line is likely to depreciate on the completion of the Japanese lines between Kainai and Kirin and Changchun and Taidi, which will divert much freight now passing over the C.E.R.—*Reuter.*

The French Choice.

Paris, Dec. 16. The composition of the Manchurian Commission is not likely to be known until tomorrow or Friday, according to the *Matin*, which adds that M. Maginot, the War Minister, has approached General Guillaumat, former commander of the French Army of Occupation, to be the French representative, but the General has declined for health reasons.

On the contrary, Admiral Herr, at present in Chinese waters, is mentioned as a possible choice.—*Reuter.*

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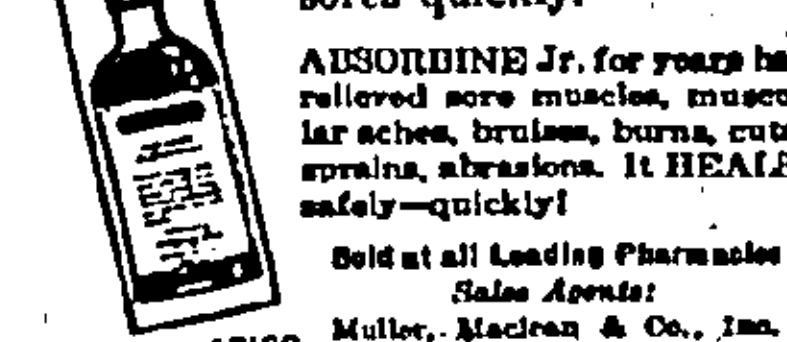
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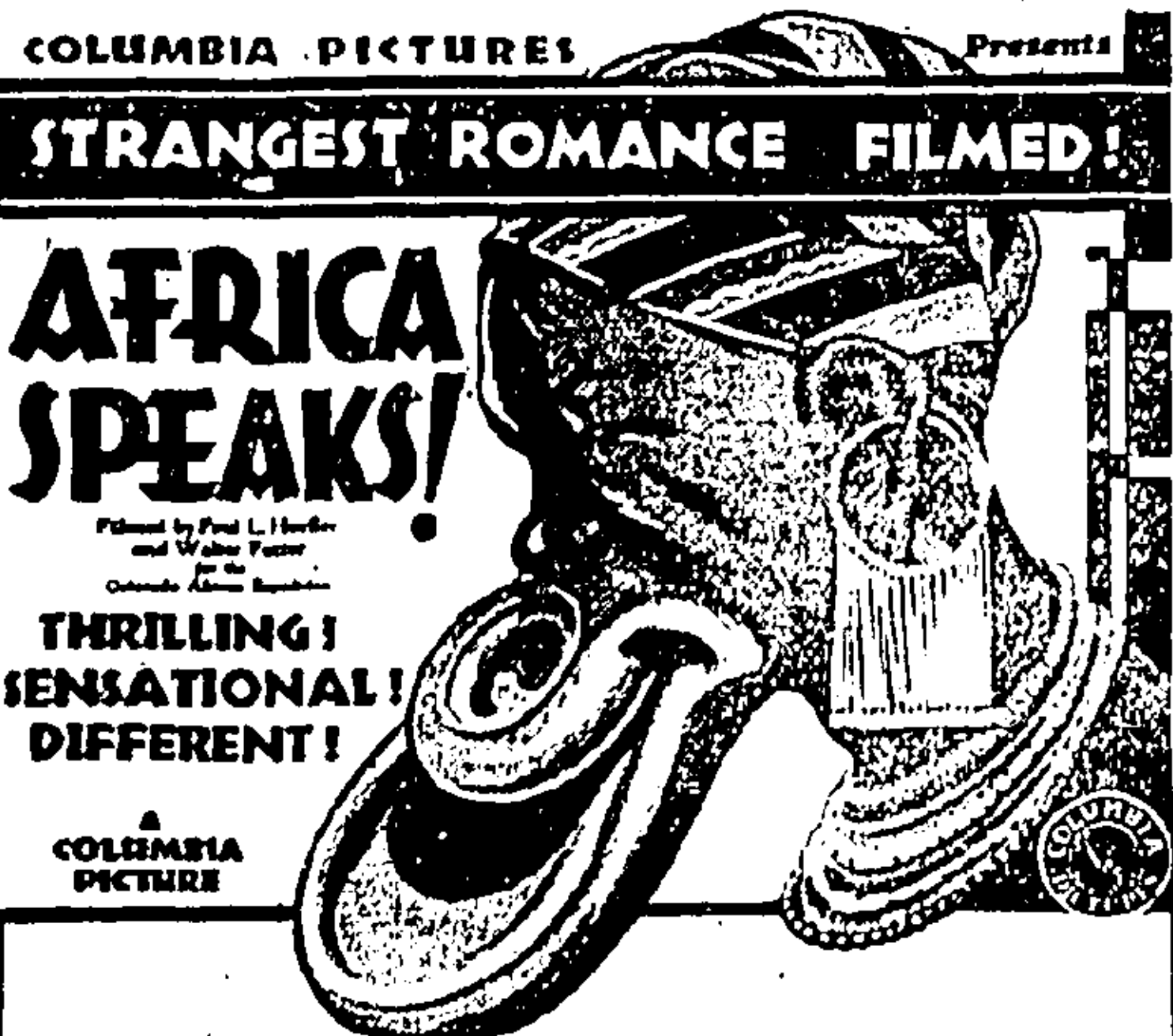
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SCOTTISH CUP DRAW.

ONLY 48 CLUBS IN
FIRST ROUND.

FOUR BYES IN THE THIRD.

London, Dec. 16.
The draw for the first round of
the Scottish Cup Competition was
made to-day and resulted as
follows:
Queen O' South v. Stranraer.
Leith Ath. v. Albion Rovers.
Arbroath v. Aberdeen.
Queen's Park v. St. Mirren.
St. Bernard v. Beith.
Ayr United v. St. Johnstone.
Hamilton v. Dumbarton.
Citadel v. Partick Thistle.
Dunfermline v. East Stirling.
Clyde v. Third Lanark.
Motherwell v. Stenhousemuir.
Murrayfield A. v. Edinburgh C.
Cowdenbeath v. Alloa Ath.
Hibernians v. Dundee U.
Dundee v. Greenock Morton.
Raith v. Inverness Thistle.
Rangers v. Brechin.
Lochgelly v. Hearts.
Celtic v. Falkirk.
Kilmarnock v. East Fife.
King's Park v. Thornhill.
Forfar v. Airdrie.
Armadale v. Montrose.
Dalhousie Star v. Bo'ness.

Association's Decision.

It will be noted that there has
been a considerable reduction in
the number of entries for the
competition and that only twenty
four matches are possible in the
first round, as against the usual
thirty-two.

It was agreed at the meeting of
the Scottish Football Association,
at which the draw was made, that
there should be no byes in the
first or second rounds, but in the
third round, when there are only
twelve teams remaining in the
competition, there will be four
ties and four byes.

Celtic's Draw.

The most interesting first round
match would appear to be the visit
of Falkirk to the Glasgow Celtic
ground. The Clyde will find Third
Lanark a hard nut to crack, but
the draw generally leaves little
room for surprises.—*Reuter.*

CUNARD LINER SUSPENSION.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENT
AS YET.

London, Dec. 16.
The Directors of the Cunard
Steamship Company to-day con-
sidered in private the recent de-
cision to suspend work on their giant
liner.

The Chairman reported that he
had received no request to meet
the Government, and for the
moment there was no fresh news
to report.—*British Wireless.*

THE DOLLAR UP A FARTHING.

AMERICA BUYING
SILVER.

The Hongkong dollar rose a
farthing this morning, reflecting
an advance in silver prices both in
London and New York. The de-
mand rate is 1s. 5/7/10d.

In London, silver was up 3/8ths
spot and 9/16ths forward. Specu-
lators were small buyers, offerings
being small. The market was quiet
on opening, but after the official
fixing it ruled firm. America was
a buyer and there was an absence
of sellers.

New York reports a rise of one-
half in silver, with the market
steady.

Conditions in Shanghai have been
most erratic. The rate opened at
1s. 11 1/2d. and 1s. 11 1/4d., but
later advanced to 1s. 11 1/2d. and
11 1/4d. Then it reverted to the former
quotations, with conditions easier.
In Hongkong, the market is very
uncertain, nominal rates being
about 1s. 5 1/2d. and 1s. 5 1/4d. There is practically no business,
and the market is by no means
active.

WORKERS BADLY INJURED.

CRUSHED BY FALL
OF LOG.

Three workmen of the Green
Island Cement Company were
seriously injured yesterday when
a large log which they were saw-
ing fell from its supports and
crushed the men who were work-
ing below.

Pung Chung, aged 30, and
Chan Lo, aged 28, were both re-
moved to the Kowloon Hospital,
the former suffering from in-
juries to his shoulder and forearm
and the second from injuries to
his face and head; while the third
man, Pun Tak, was taken to the
Kwong Wah Hospital for treat-
ment, being injured about the
chest.

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London, Dec. 16.
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nounces that from to-morrow a
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from all parts of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland to Siam. The
route will be by wire to Berlin and
thence by wireless to Bangkok.—
British Wireless.

Shanghai is again experiencing a
cold snap. The temperature at 6 a.m.
to-day was 25 degrees, compared with
56 in Hongkong.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK MAY SEEK RE-ELECTION.

LATEST NANKING
SITUATION.

Nanking, Dec. 17.
Chiang Kai-shek remains
in the Capital and will attend
the Fourth Kuomintang
National Congress despite
his resignation and the
simultaneous resignations of
his principal political sub-
ordinates.

It is as yet uncertain whether
he will submit himself for re-
election at the Fourth Kuomintang
National Congress which
will open as the soon as the
Cantonese delegates arrive.
The Canton leaders are proceed-
ing with the drafting of their
proposals for the reorganization
of the National Government.
Dr. Wellington Koo is expected
at any moment to resign the
portfolio of Foreign Minister.

Canton Plans.

Messrs. Sun Fo, Chen Kung-poh,
Ku Meng-yu, Chao Pei-lin, C. C.
Wu and fifteen other National
Congress commissioners will
leave Shanghai this morning for
the Capital on a special train.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei is still
indisposed but will follow his
colleagues to Nanking this week-
end.

Mr. T. V. Soong is still at the
Finance Ministry and Mr. Chow
Lu, one of the leading Canton
politicians, has issued an em-
phatic denial of the rumour that
Mr. Sun Fo has recommended Mr.
Liu Chi-wan, formerly Mayor of
Nanking and Chinese Customs
commissioner at Shanghai, as
successor to Mr. T. V. Soong.

Invitation to Mr. Hu Han-min.

Both Mr. Lin Sen (acting Pre-
sident of the National Govern-
ment's State Council) and General
Chan Ming-shu (acting President
of the Executive Council) will
occupy these posts for only two
weeks.

Mr. Lin Sen has sent a telegram
to Mr. Hu Han-min in Hongkong,
informing him that the Fourth
Kuomintang National Congress
will be formally opened on Mon-
day next for a general settle-
ment of the Kuomintang quarrels
and the reorganization of the
Nanking Government. All posts
will be filled by election and Mr.
Hu Han-min is invited to attend.
—*Reuter.*

Diabetes Sufferer.

Nanking, Dec. 17.
Sun Fo, C. C. Wu, Eugene Chen,
Li Wen-fan, Chou Lu, Chen Kung-
poh, and Mrs. Wang Ching-wei
and twenty other members of the
C. E. C. together with a staff of
eight, left for Nanking this morn-
ing. A notable absentee was Mr.
Wang Ching-wei, who is at present
in hospital suffering from dia-
betes.—*Reuter.*

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